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Dear MA Directors/TA Directors/WMS Coordinators/Managed Care Coordinators:

Recent legislation provided an addition to Social Services law 369-ff known as the "Partnership for FHP". This legislation allows employers that meet a certain set of criteria to offer FHP coverage to their employees.

The first employer to participate is the 1199 union located in NYC. The majority of this union's participating population resides in NYC with a very limited number in upstate districts. The provider for this group is Fidelis, MMIS plan ID '02933315'.

WMS changes to properly identify this very limited population will be in effect on **Tuesday, April 1st, 2008**. These changes consist of a file match to identify employees that participate in the program, and the addition of codes to categorize these individuals in the system. These codes may be generated by the system or entered by a worker using one of the two methods below.

#### **File Exchange**

Employer's participating in the 'Partnership for FHP' (currently just Union 1199) will provide a monthly file of their current employees and dependents. WMS will generate one of the values listed below in the EPI field on Screen 4 for any individuals on this file that match an existing case type(s) 20 or 24. In some circumstances, the PCP subsystem will be changed as indicated on the chart below.

No new 3209 authorization will be produced for these updates. The updates will be made to the EPI field on WMS Screen 4 or within the PCP subsystem and can be seen when performing an inquiry.

New values for Employer Purchased Insurance (EPI) field on WMS Screen 4:

- 1 – 1199 Employee in 1199 Managed Care Plan (system generated)
- 2 - Client no longer eligible for Employer Purchased FHP (system generated)
- 3 – Employer withdrew from plan (system generated). This will be entered by a one-time batch process when appropriate.
- 4 – 1199 Employee in non-1199 Managed Care Plan (system generated)
- 5 – Client has case type 20, and coverage code is not equal to 30 or 34 (system generated)

Match Results between 1199 file & WMS	PCP Action that will be system generated	WMS Action that will be system generated
Case type is not 24 or 20 with coverage 30 or 34	n/a	If EPI is not a blank set EPI to 5. If EPI is blank no value set
Match – Case type is 24 or 20 with coverage 30 or 34	If Fidelis 1199 (02933315)	EPI – set to 1
	If not Fidelis 1199 (02933315)	EPI – set to 4
Match – Case type is 24 or 20 with coverage 30 or 34 But Employer File Shows End of Eligibility for their health insurance plan	If Fidelis 1199 (02933315) disenroll with reason code 93 effective Transaction date + 14 days and first of month. The individual will be reenrolled in *Non-1199 Fidelis Plan.  If other Plan – no change	EPI – set to 2
Match – Case type is 24 & Coverage is 06 with prospective coverage	If Fidelis 1199 (02933315)	EPI – set to 1
	If *Non-1199 Fidelis Plan	EPI – set to 1
	If other than Fidelis or *Non-1199 Fidelis Plan	EPI – set to 4
Match – Case type is 24 & Coverage is 06 without prospective coverage	Enroll in Fidelis 1199 (02933315)	EPI – set to 1
Employer withdrew from plan	If Fidelis 1199 (02933315) disenroll with reason code 93 effective Transaction date + 14 days and first of month. Proceed to step 2. The individual will be reenrolled in *Non-1199 Fidelis Plan	EPI – set to 3

\*Non-1199 Fidelis Plan – The plan is based on district case is active in. The breakdown is  
**01421250** – Chautauqua, Clinton, Dutchess, Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Orange, Saratoga, Schenectady, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington  
**01751046** – Albany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Columbia, Cortland, Erie, Greene, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester

### Worker Entered

If a worker needs to identify an individual in the Partnership for FHP plan, the following worker entry codes will be available for case types 20 or 24. For Transaction Types 02 (Opening), 10 (Reopening) and 11 (Reactivation) an EPI value of D, E or F can be entered. For transaction types 05 (Change), 06 (Recertification/Reauthorization) and 11 (Reactivation) an EPI value of B – F can be entered.

- B - Client no longer eligible for Employer Purchased FHP (worker entered)
- C – Employer withdrew from plan (worker entered).
- D – 1199 Employee in non-1199 Managed Care Plan (worker entered)
- E – Client has case type 20, and coverage code is not equal to 30 or 34 (worker entered)
- F – 1199 Employee in 1199 Managed Care Plan (worker entered)

### WMS Errors

**1420 - EPI INDICATOR IS INVALID – FATAL** will be displayed if a worker entry of 1-5 in EPI is attempted as these can only be system generated.

**1422 - ENTRY OF EPI B OR C MUST REPLACE PRIOR EPI – FATAL** will be displayed if a worker entry of B or C is attempted without replacing a prior EPI of D, E or F.

**1595 – MA COVERAGE DATE MUST BE 4/1/08 OR LATER** will be displayed if a worker entry of EPI equal to B-F is attempted and MA Coverage From date is prior to 4/1/08.

**1596 – COV CODE 30 AND 34 NOT ALLOWED FOR EPI E** will be displayed if a worker entry of EPI of E is attempted and MA coverage is 30 or 34.

For systems related questions regarding the Partnership for FHP coverage, please contact Bambi Murphy at (518) 402-6682.

Sincerely,

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