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Dear MA Directors & WMS Coordinators:

Changes to Transitional Medical Assistance

On May 29, 2009, you received a WMS Coordinator Letter detailing WMS/CNS enhancements that became operational on the Production System on June 22nd. Attachment II, Section VI described upcoming changes to Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) effective on **Wednesday, July 1, 2009**. Below is a recap of those changes and some additional information:

- Reason codes 088, 089, E08, Y78 and Y79 will now generate the Authorization To Date and the MA Coverage To Date equal to twelve months from the last day of the Authorization From Date month.
 - Example 1 – If reason code E08 is entered on a MA case and the Authorization From date is 7/1/09 the system will generate the Authorization To Date and the Medicaid Coverage To Date to 7/31/10.
 - Example 2 - If reason code E31, M92 or M93 is used for a closing on a TA case on July 10th and individuals are eligible for TMA a MA Extension case will be generated with an opening reason code of 088 or 089. The MA Extension case's Authorization From and MA Coverage From will be 7/1/09 and the Authorization To Date and Medicaid Coverage To date will be generated to 7/31/10.
- TMA Quarterly reports are no longer producing interim mailers.
- Expanded Eligibility Code (EEC) of "T" will be disabled for MBL on 10/19/09 for MBL budgets with a From date of 7/1/09 or greater.
- Reason codes C01, C03 and S01 are disabled.
- Screen WRQMNU – Quarterly Reporting (Selection 24 of the main WMS menu) is disabled.
- Existing TMA cases have been identified and a special run will occur to extend the Medicaid Coverage out to the 12 months.
 - **Authorizations will be generated on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 and will have a unique number of "TMAEXT12"**.
 - The Authorization To Date and MA Coverage To Date will be generated equal to twelve months from the last day of the Authorization From Date month. For example, if the Authorization From Date is 11/1/08 the Authorization To and MA Coverage To Date will be extended to 11/30/09.
 - Cases in pending or lockdown status will not have extensions produced.

- If the original TMA reason code was an Y78 or Y79 a reason code of “Y99 – Other” will be generated with an “N” in Notice Indicator.
- If the original TMA reason code was 088, 089, or E08 a new reason code of “888 – TMA Conversion to 12 Months” will be generated with an “A” in Notice Indicator. A CNS notice will be generated explaining the TMA extension. The new reason code of 888 will only be used one time and cannot be worker entered.
- The following BICS reports will no longer be produced:
 - WINR9152 Quarterly Reporting Statistical Summary: Disposition of MA Extension Cases
 - WINR9153 Quarterly Reporting Follow-Up Notice District Summary
 - WINR9154 Quarterly Reporting Statistical Summary of MA Quarterly Reporting Activity

SDX Address Change

Also described in the May 29th Coordinator Letter was a change to the SDX process. Effective Monday, 6/22 the addresses on a Case Type 22 were modified to reflect the latest address from SSA. These address changes occur for individuals in active pay status and are generated when a change of address is received from SSA. Resident or mailing address is updated and reason code is 960 – Change of Address (No Change to Benefits).

This is **not for a SSA initiated change of county** which is a separate process. What occurs when there is a change of county is SSA sends the change of county code through an 08/09 Transaction and Payment Status of C01 (except 1619b eligible who will have NO1 or EO1) and a “Y” in Medicaid Eligibility. For Upstate to Upstate changes, an Exception will appear on the From and To Districts SDX Interface report. The two districts then work together to coordinate opening and closing. Between Upstate and NYC, the “From” District will get an Exception on the SDX Interface Report and NYC will get one on the XXX Report. More details of this process are described in 08 OHIP/ADM-5.

For systems related questions regarding the changes to TMA or SDX Address Change, please contact Bambi Murphy at (518)402-9911 or email her at blm04@health.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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