



## Department of Health

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Dear MA Directors and WMS Coordinators:

On May 25<sup>th</sup> the WMS Coordinator Letter was sent in regard to upcoming WMS changes for the Inmate Suspension process. To facilitate the Medicaid suspension process for incarcerated individuals, new exception codes have been created and are scheduled to run on 06/09/2017. The new exception codes are as follows:

- P – Individual in pre-release status and Medicaid coverage was not systematically suspended. No action needed by district. Please refer to 17.1 (dated 2/1/17) WMS Coordinator letter for the Pre-Release Program Overview
- R – Individual's case is either clocking down or a pending record exists which prevented systematic suspension of Medicaid coverage. Districts are directed to review the WINR 5612 report and take appropriate action.
- S – Individual has Medicare and their Medicaid coverage prior to incarceration was not Medicare Saving Program only (09), and Medicaid Coverage was systematically suspended. No action needed by district.

For questions regarding these changes, please contact the DOH Local District Support Unit at (518)473-6397.

Sincerely,

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