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WMS – CNS Coordinator Guidance

Release 23.1 – Explanation of WMS/CNS Enhancements Effective February 19, 2023

Section 1

To:	WMS and CNS Coordinators
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Section 2 – Purpose

The purpose of this guidance is to provide local social services districts (districts) with an explanation of the WMS/CNS enhancements that are scheduled to become operational on the Production System on February 19, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

Section 3 – New Restaurant Meals Program Field on WMS Screen 1

A one (1) character Restaurant Meals Program field with the header RMP will be located to the right of PA/FS Code field and to the left of Ofc field on WMS Screen 1.

At this time, the field will be read only. Additional information regarding this field will be addressed in a future WMS Coordinator letter.

The Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) will not be printed on the LDSS 3636 or LDSS 3209.

Section 4 – Extension of Post-Partum Period From 60 Days to 12 Months

Pregnant consumers will be entitled to 12 months of full Medicaid coverage after the end of their pregnancy. Consumers with current eligibility can receive the 12 months of post-partum coverage. The authorization period will accommodate a 12 month post-partum period based on the consumer's EDC (due date). The 12-month post-partum period can be changed by a worker or recalculated by the system based on the newborn's date of birth or the reported end of the pregnancy. The 12-month post-partum

period is calculated from the end of the pregnancy + 12 months to the end of the month. To accommodate this request, the following programming changes have been made:

- AFA code = 201 will be required for individuals with a Pregnancy categorical code on Case types: 11, 12, 16, 17 and 20.
- Categorical Code 73 “Pregnant Individual Post-Partum Period” has been activated in Upstate WMS to be used for individuals in the 12-month Post-Partum period.
- AFA Code 223 – “End of 12 Month Post-Partum Period” has been created to mark the end of the 12 Month Post-Partum period.
- Edits 0161- AUTHORIZATION PERIOD IS INVALID and 0573 - MA COVERAGE DATE(S) INVALID have been extended to allow periods up to 21 months for individuals with a Pregnancy or Post-Partum Categorical Code.

Section 5 - Revisions to MBI WPD Notices

Effective January 1, 2023, the following CNS notice changes were made to accommodate the MBI-WPD resource level changes to the statewide MBL budget.

Revised the term from “Medical Assistance” to “Medicaid”:

- B46/D0151 (Deny MBI-WPD, Death Before Determination, No Medical Bills in Retro Period)

Revised block of text above “Message 1” and updated Citations:

- U28/C0249 (Discontinue MBI-WPD, No Longer Working, Exc. Inc., Spenddown Not Met)

Revised block of text above “Message 1” and notice changed from Fill to No- Fill:

- U27/C0092 (Discontinue MBI-WPD, Turning 65, Exc. Inc. and/or Res., Spenddown Not Met)

Updated Citations and revised language to remove hard-coded resource amounts:

- B44/D0149 (Deny MBI-WPD, Failed to Provide a Medical Statement)
- U05/U0124 (Continue MBI-WPD, Medically Improved with a Severe Impairment)
- U50/U0127 (MA to MBI-WPD, Client Request)
- S32/Y0013 (Accept MBI-WPD, No Premium Payment)

Updated Citations and revised language to remove hard-coded resource amounts. These reason codes went from Fill to No Fill:

- U60/D0154 (Denied MBI-WPD, Not Currently Working, MA Ineligible)
- U70/D0155 (Denied MBI-WPD, Failed to Submit Proof of Work, MA Ineligible)

Updated Citations and revised language to remove hard-coded resource amounts. The reason code went from Fill to Partial Fill:

- U29/U0003 (MBI-WPD to MA Exc Inc SD Not Met No Longer Working)

Updated Citations and revised term from “Medical Assistance” to “Medicaid”:

- U17/U0125 (MBI-WPD to MA, Full Coverage)

Updated Citations, revised “Message 2” and “Message 3”, and eliminated “Message 4”:

- U18/C0188 (Disc. MBI-WPD Due to Exc. Inc. and/or Res., MA Ineligible Due to Exc. Inc. and/or Res.)

Updated Citations and revised “Message 2”:

- U19/D0152 (Deny MBI-WPD, Exc. Inc. and/or Res., MA Ineligible Due to Exc. Inc. and/or Res.)

Updated Citations, revised the text between NAME/CIN fields, revised the first message set, and revised the “NOTE” section:

- U53/X022 (Spenddown to MBI-WPD)

Revised language to remove hard-coded resource amounts:

- U11/U0002 (MBI-WPD to Excess Income, Spenddown Not Met, Turning 65)
- D77/D0332 (Deny MBI-WPD Not Certified Disabled, MA Ineligible (MAGI-like))