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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM #14-04-02 Medicaid

SUBJECT: Inbound Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Account Transfers
Effective April 1, 2014

TO: Executive Directors

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PURPOSE

To inform County Assistance Offices (CAOs) of the new inbound FFM account transfer procedure that is effective statewide on April 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND

As of January 1, 2014, Pennsylvania has been using the FFM determination model in which the FFM determines eligibility for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medical Assistance (MA). The state also receives assessments for eligibility determinations for non-MAGI MA for applications submitted to the FFM. Effective April 1, 2014, Pennsylvania will change from the FFM determination model to the FFM assessment model. During the assessment model, Pennsylvania will complete the MA eligibility determinations for individuals who submit applications to the FFM on or after April 1, 2014.

DISCUSSION

Effective April 1, 2014, CAOs must treat all FFM applications submitted to the FFM on or after April 1, 2014 as assessments in accordance with [OPS131202](#). The FFM may continue to determine MAGI MA eligibility for applications with the FFM submission date of April 1, 2014 and after, even though the state has switched to the FFM assessment model. If the FFM made an MA eligibility determination for an application submitted to the FFM on or after April 1, 2014, CAOs must disregard the "FFM has Determined" in the "Who Determines Eligibility" column of the Applicant Information section and treat the application as an assessment.

A Special Category on the Program Request Questions screen must not be used for MA applications submitted to the FFM on or after April 1, 2014.

Example: The CAO receives an FFM application on April 10, 2014 with the FFM application submit date of April 1, 2014. The Applicant Information section indicates that the FFM has determined MA eligibility. The CAO must process this application as an assessment. The CAO must not use a Special Category on the Program Request Questions screen.

Example: The CAO receives an FFM application on April 10, 2014 with the FFM application submit date of March 31, 2014. The Applicant Information section indicates that the FFM has determined MA eligibility. The CAO must process this application as a determination and use a Special Category on the Program Request Questions screen.

NEXT STEPS

1. Share and review this information with appropriate staff members.
2. Please contact your Area Manager if you have questions regarding this Operations Memorandum.
3. This Operations Memorandum will become obsolete upon release of revised Handbook changes.