

## **Policy Clarifications - Medicaid - SSI PMS15457305**

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**Agency: CAOs**

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**Subject: CHIP and Children with Special Needs Category – Questions and Answers**

Several questions have come up on CHIP PH95 cases that we hope you can assist with. These do not appear to be addressed in [OPS 10-04-01](#).

- 1.) Are Income Data Collection Pages that we normally secure on PH95 cases necessary for the particular CHIP, PH95 cases?
- 2.) The Physician Certificate for Children with Special Needs. Is this form acceptable by MRT or do we still need additional MA documentation (PA 635, PA 586 or PA1663)? Also, could this same form be used for other non-CHIP referrals?
- 3.) Once authorized, if we needed to do a category change, would a new medical application be required since the PH95 was a result of the CHIP program?
- 4.) At what point should the household be referred to SSI for application for the child?
- 5.) Who will handle the appeals that the Central Unit determines eligibility/ineligibility on?
- 6.) Also, in the OPS Memo it says we should reject 042 if we find that the client is not cooperating. However, this does not refer the client back to CHIP.

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- 1.) The CAO must continue to use the PH 95 database to report the parental income (earned and unearned) and household information that is required under Act 7A of 2002 in order for the Department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly. Income information is included in the information sent from PID on the CAPS Summary.
- 2.) As stated in OPS100401, an MRT referral and determination is not needed in this process. The “Physician Certification for Child with Special Needs” is to be used **ONLY** for the PID/DPW referral process.

- 3.) The PID referral is considered an application. Per 368.6, "The CAO will not require a new application for a change from one NMP category to another, from NMP to MNO, from MNO to NMP, or from cash to NMP or MNO".
- 4.) If the child appears to be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Retirement, Survivors' and Disability Income (RSDI), the family must be referred to SSA for the appropriate determination.

An MRT referral and determination is not needed.

- 5.) The Central Unit will be responsible for appeals on any referral they authorize or reject.
- 6.) If the family **has not cooperated** with completing the verification process, and the application is rejected, the child will be disenrolled from CHIP. Reason Code 042 should be used for non-cooperation.

If the family **has cooperated**, but the physician has not returned the *Physician Certification for Child with Special Needs* form, the case is rejected and the child is returned back to the CHIP contractor to ensure continuity of care. (Use Reason Code 042 and make a note on the referral cover sheet that the family has cooperated.)

A person is not eligible for MA or CHIP if the person fails to cooperate.