

Policy Clarifications - Medicaid - Long Term Care PMN14916438

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Is the County Assistance Office (CAO) responsible for completing a 180 Day Exception Letter when the date of authorization for a Medical Assistance (MA) Long Term Care (LTC) case is greater than six months?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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No, the CAO is not required to complete a 180 Day Exception Letter upon authorization of MA LTC benefits. The 180 Day Exception Letter serves as a check list to the Office of Long Term Living (OLTL) Service Provider. In order to receive payment from DPW, it is the responsibility of the OLTL Service Provider to document the circumstances/reasons for an untimely authorization of MA LTC.

The CAO should cooperate with the OLTL Service Provider whenever requests are made to provide copies of any documents needed for a 180 day exception submission.

See [MA Bulletin 25-02-01](#)

Or contact the OLTL Provider services at 1-800-932-0939 for additional information.