

## **Policy Clarifications - Long Term Care PMN-16607-404**

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**Subject: Application Dates for COMPASS Applications Submitted by Providers for Long Term Care Benefits**

What is the correct application date to use when the nursing homes or other providers are submitting Long Term Care and HCBS applications via COMPASS? Are the procedures outlined in [PMA 15966304](#) valid for these applications?

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**Response By: Division of Health Services**

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No, the procedures outlined in PMA 15966304 are not to be followed for Long Term Care and HCBS applications submitted through COMPASS. They are strictly for non-LTC related Medicaid determinations. When an application is submitted via COMPASS for nursing home or HCBS coverage, the date of application is the date on which the provider electronically submits the application through COMPASS.

Example 1: Applicant admitted to a long term facility on 01-01-13. The provider submits the application through COMPASS on 04-30-13. The application date is 04-30-13 and they are requesting the effective date of 01-01-13. The CAO is able to determine retroactive eligibility to 01-01-13 as this date falls within the three month retroactive period.

Example 2: Applicant is admitted to a long term facility on 01-01-13. The provider submits the application through COMPASS on 05-15-13. The application date is 05-15-13 and they are requesting the effective date of 01-01-13. The CAO is able to determine retroactive eligibility to 02-01-13 as this is furthest date within the retroactive period. Eligibility for the month of January cannot be considered since it is beyond the retroactive period as defined by 42 CFR 435.914 and 55 Pa Code 181.12.