

# **Policy Clarifications**

## **Medicaid - Long Term Care**

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**Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: LTC COMPASS Applications**

**Question:** What are the requirements for COMPASS Long Term Care applications?

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**Response By: Division of Health Services**

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Some differences currently exist between the COMPASS application and the PA 600L. The COMPASS form will be revised shortly to make it consistent with the PA 600L. Until the COMPASS form has been revised, please use the steps below when processing COMPASS applications for LTC. This will standardize procedures among the CAOs and will ensure that all parties have the appropriate information.

1. Make a copy of the PA 600L - Page 1. This page contains the fields for Date of Admission and Requested Effective Date. It also contains information regarding asset transfers and the look back period.
2. Make a copy of the PA 600L - Page 6. This page contains the question regarding asset transfers within the look back period.
3. Indicate with an asterisk which fields need to be completed and then send the pages to the LTC facility.

There may be times when an individual who is already receiving MA in the community develops a need for LTC services. Since the individual is already a recipient, no application is required, although one may be submitted. If an application for LTC for a recipient is received, follow the steps above. There is one additional step needed as well:

1. Make a copy of the PA 600L – Page 5. This page contains the question about the applicant's intent to return home.

Do not use any local forms or letters that your CAO may have developed. These local practices are causing confusion.