

Policy Clarifications - Medicaid - Long Term Care PMN15762403

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Subject: Managed Care Organization (MCO) Disenrollment for an Active Medical Assistance (MA) Recipient entering a Long Term Care (LTC) Facility

What is the correct procedure to follow when the County Assistance Office (CAO) receives notification that an active MA recipient has entered an LTC facility?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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MCOs are responsible to provide payment for up to 30 days of LTC facility services (including hospital reserve days and therapeutic leave bed hold days) for its enrolled members. Non-timely disenrollment results in the LTC facility experiencing difficulties in billing for admissions greater than 30 days. When the CAO is notified of an active MA recipient's admission to an LTC facility via an Admission and Discharge Transmittal (MA 103), a Medical Evaluation form (MA51), an e-mail from DMSSC Tech Support, by another CAO or by the recipient, the following procedures should be followed:

1. The CAO should verify if the recipient is enrolled in an MCO.
2. If the recipient is enrolled in an MCO, the CAO should enter a "35" or "36" facility code in CIS. This will end the MCO enrollment and allow for billing through fee-for-service procedures if the recipient is otherwise eligible for payment of LTC services.
3. For an active MA/Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP previously known as Food Stamps) recipient, the CAO will send advance notice to discontinue the MA/SNAP due to the LTC facility placement.
4. The CAO will enter an application pending in CIS for MA LTC and complete a partial renewal.

Note: A PA 600L is not required for active MA recipients.

5. The CAO LTC worker is responsible for reviewing the MA recipient's record to include but not limited to; functional eligibility, intent to return to resident property and asset transfers within the look back period.
6. The CAO LTC worker will issue an eligibility/ineligibility notice once a determination has been made.

As a reminder to CAO LTC Staff, the Office of Long Term Living reviews all MA cases in facilities to assure that correct billing has been completed.