

Policy Clarification – Medicaid- Long Term Care

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Discontinuance of the 0192 (AIDS) Waiver

Question: Is the 0192 (AIDS) Waiver being terminated? If so, what are the CAO responsibilities?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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Yes, the 0192 (AIDS) Waiver expires on September 27, 2015. After discussions with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Office of Long Term Living (OLTL) has decided not to renew this waiver program.

There are approximately 78 recipients of the 0192 (AIDS) Waiver receiving these waiver services. OLTL has made assurances that these consumers will continue to receive all appropriate services, as needed, through other existing Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs. The Independent Enrollment Broker (currently Maximus) is in the process of sending HCBS Eligibility/Ineligibility/Change forms (PA 1768) to the CAOs verifying the transition of these consumers to a more applicable waiver. CAOs should update the waiver code in eCIS within five days of receiving the PA 1768 and send confirming notice of the change.

As a condition of waiver termination, CMS has directed that all individuals must be terminated from the 0192 (AIDS) Waiver no later than 9/27/15. There are many individuals who have not been receiving services through this waiver, but who have an open 0192 (AIDS) Waiver code 80 on the Waiver screen in eCIS because the waiver code was never end-dated. If the CAO receives a PA 1768 verifying termination of this waiver, they must enter the waiver end-date within five days of receiving the PA 1768 and send proper advance notice. Individuals open in a waiver category should be reviewed for eligibility in a MAGI or Healthy Horizons category of Medical Assistance (MA).

NOTE: In order to give advance notice the CAOs must end date the waiver code and send advance notice no later than 9/8/15.

All individuals who appeal will need to be re-opened for MA and waiver benefits with no lapse in coverage. When any 0192 (AIDS) Waiver termination is appealed, the CAO will need to notify OLTL by contacting Cortney Maletich at 717-787-8091 or cmaletich@pa.gov within 24 hours of receiving the appeal. OLTL will discuss waiver options with the individual and notify the CAO via a PA 1768 which waiver code should be opened in place of the 0192 Waiver during a timely appeal process.