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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM #15-01-01

SUBJECT: SelectPlan for Women Transition

TO: Executive Directors

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PURPOSE

To inform County Assistance Offices (CAOs) of the transition process for recipients of the SelectPlan for Women Family Planning Waiver Program and to inform the CAOs to complete an MA review on these cases and process by February 24, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The SelectPlan for Women program is authorized through an 1115 demonstration waiver with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The SelectPlan for Women program provides only family planning and related services to women who meet the non-financial and financial criteria. Pennsylvania's SelectPlan for Women 1115 demonstration waiver expires on December 31, 2014. CMS has approved the continuation of SelectPlan for Women program benefits for current program recipients despite the expiration of the SelectPlan 1115 demonstration waiver on December 31, 2014. This extension was granted so that SelectPlan program recipients could be reviewed for more comprehensive health care coverage programs, either through Healthy PA or the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM).

DISCUSSION

Current SelectPlan Recipients

Individuals enrolled in the SelectPlan program were not automatically transitioned to a *Healthy PA* category during the *Healthy PA* transition. These individuals did not receive a *Healthy PA* transition notice. They received a pre-transition letter, mailed at the beginning of November, telling them that they may be eligible for other health care ([see Attachment](#)).

A report of all SelectPlan recipients as of November 30, 2014 was generated by Headquarters and will be disseminated by Operations to the CAOs. While SelectPlan

benefits will show as closed effective December 31, 2014 for these individuals, this report will be used by the CAOs to manually register an application for the client and then process through Case Processing (CP). In order to review eligibility for *Healthy PA* for these recipients or provide them the opportunity to receive health care through the FFM, the following steps will be taken by the CAO or Central Unit:

- Manually review all SelectPlan cases open as of November 30, 2014 to determine if sufficient information is available to process ongoing Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on December 1, 2014.
- SelectPlan recipients who are being evaluated will not be provided an opportunity to health screen. Caseworkers will select “Not Applicable” on the *Healthy PA* screen for these individuals.

Note: Case review and processing must be completed by February 24, 2015.

Additionally, on December 20, 2014, any SelectPlan recipient who was receiving SelectPlan benefits at the time of transition and who was not evaluated for MA benefits since December 1, 2014 will receive SelectPlan through June 30, 2015. Notices will be sent notifying recipients that their SelectPlan closure has been postponed until June 30, 2015. These system notices will state that they will be evaluated for other health care benefits and will received further communication with the result.

NOTE: These cases will appear as six individual one-month Non-Continuous Eligibility (NCE) periods.

SelectPlan Applications Processed After December 1, 2014

The following details the process for SelectPlan applications processed after December 1, 2014. Applicant eligibility will be determined using SelectPlan eligibility criteria and *Healthy PA* eligibility criteria (for eligibility to begin January 1, 2015).

- Any SelectPlan budgets processed after December 1, 2014 must be processed with both MA and SelectPlan benefits selected, even if the application submitted was for SelectPlan only. Any woman being evaluated for SelectPlan will be provided the opportunity to complete a health screening.
- If over *Healthy PA* income limits, these applicants will be referred to the FFM and any SelectPlan eligibility will end effective December 31, 2014.
- If under *Healthy PA* income limits, these applicants will be opened for a *Healthy PA* category effective January 1, 2015 and any SelectPlan eligibility will end effective December 31, 2014.

Applications for the SelectPlan for Women category (PSF 10) will not be accepted after December 31, 2014. Any applications for SelectPlan received January 1, 2015 or later will be evaluated for MA only.

Processing Maintenance, SARs, or Renewals on a case with SelectPlan

CAOs will also review MA for SelectPlan recipients when processing maintenance, a Semi-Annual Review, or a Renewal on the case for another budget.

SelectPlan recipients who are being evaluated will not be provided the opportunity to health screen. Caseworkers will select "Not Applicable" on the *Healthy PA* screen for these individuals.

NEXT STEPS

1. Share and review this information with appropriate staff members.
2. Please contact your area manager if you have questions regarding this Operations Memorandum.
3. This Operations Memorandum will become obsolete upon release of revised *Handbook* changes.

Attachment