

Policy Clarification Medicaid-All PMA-18936-312

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Former Foster Care determination and YDC

Question:

Policy at 312.8 Former Foster Care indicates that the Federal definition of foster care does not include placement in a detention facility, secure treatment facilities, psychiatric facilities and forestry camps. Children placed with facility codes 73 and 74 upon release from placement between the ages of 18-21 are not eligible in this category. August 2017 Release Q&A question under Former Foster Care-Phase 2 indicates that when the system runs RTE automation for in state foster care, the system only looks at the PC31/33/35, J 31/33/35 and PCN 31/33/35 and does not look at the facility code when opening PC 40 via automation. The PC 30 category is still in the MA cascade dated 03/15/18.

1. When a paper application is received, is the CAO to look for the facility codes of 73 and 74 prior to authorization of the PC 40 category?
2. Is the PC 30 obsolete or a category of last resort?

Response By: Division of Family Assistance/DHS Date: 7/11/18

1. Yes, the CAO should review to see if the client had facility code 73 or 74. PC 40 is not the appropriate category and program status code for a client that was in the YDC or YFC. The YDC/YFC is responsible to notify the CAO of discharge from placement. However, per OPS 050408, a paper application is required if the client was not a former cash assistance or Medicaid recipient at the time of placement. (MEAH 305 Appendix E & MEAH 312.8)
2. PC 30 is still valid and is the appropriate category and program status code for a child discharged from the YDC/YFC. See OPS 050408 for additional information.