

# Policy Clarifications – Medicaid – TANF PMT16988339

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**Agency:** CAOs

**Subject:** Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) after the closure of Transitional Cash Assistance (TCA)

**Question:** We have noticed a number of cases in which TCA closes after 3 months and there is no MA budget open for the fourth month to accommodate TMA coverage. How should we handle this issue?

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**Response By:** Division of Health Services

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TANF budgets (C, U) that closed on or after October 1, 2013 and are eligible for TCA are open for C/U71 for three months and are automatically converted to MG71 for the last month of TMA coverage. The conversion date to MG71 is based on deadlines for cash payment dates. On the cash payment date deadline, which is specific for each case, a batch process runs and opens MG71 automatically effective the date after C/U71 closes. The renewal date is set for the last day of the fourth month of TMA coverage without counting the month in which C/U00 converted to C/U71. (TMA coverage begins on the date C/U71 is open).

**Example:** C00 closed on 10/10/2013 and C71 opened for a period of 10/11/2013-01/13/2014. MG71 opened effective 01/14/2014 with the renewal date of 02/28/2014.

TANF budgets (C, U) that closed before October 1, 2013 and were eligible for TCA were open for C/U71 for three months and were automatically converted to MG71 for four months. The renewal date was set for the last day of the fourth month of TMA without counting the month in which C/U71 converted to MG71. (TMA coverage began on the date MG71 was opened).

**Example:** C00 closed on 09/08/2013 and C71 opened for a period of 09/09/2013-12/05/2013. MG71 opened effective 12/06/2013 with the renewal date of 04/30/2014.

