**Policy Clarification**

**Medicaid – Long-Term Care**

**PMN-20487-404**

**Submitted: 4/08/21 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Revised Version of the MA 51, Medical Evaluation Form for Long- Term Care Facility Services**

**Question**: **1. Does the February 2021 version of the Medical Assistance (MA) 51 change any procedures for the CAO when reviewing the form?**

 **2. May the County Assistance Office (CAO) still accept the older versions of the form?**

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services** |  **Date: 5/03/21** |  |  |
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1. No, the revised version of the MA 51 dated February 2021 does not change any procedure for the CAO; however, CAOs should be aware of the changes. The form is now available for use and the following changes have been made to the MA 51:

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* Item 15- The instructions were modified to account for the change to item 15 on Page 2. The statement, “There is room for any other pertinent diagnoses” has been removed.
* The last lines of the instructions were modified to account for designees like Aging Well or the Area Agencies on Aging. The instructions were modified to state, “Questions 21 and 22 are completed by Aging Well or the appropriate Department of Human Services program office or the Department’s designee. These questions are used by the Department to certify the individual’s medical eligibility for services.”

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* Item 12- Two lines were removed from the Medical Summary.
* Item 15- The two lines for other diagnoses beyond primary, secondary, and tertiary were removed.
* Item 22- This item was moved up a line and is now adjacent to item 21 allowing added space for comments by the program office or designee.
1. Yes, the older versions of the MA 51 are still valid and the CAO will continue to accept them.

Attachment: [MA 51](https://pagov-my.sharepoint.com/personal/kmorrison_pa_gov/Documents/MA%2051%20February%202021.pdf)