**Policy Clarification**

**Medical Assistance – All**

**PMA-19910-304**

**Submitted: 05/4/2020 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Reviewing Medical Assistance (MA) Eligibility with Cash Assistance Budgets**

**Question**: **Should MA eligibility be reviewed when individuals apply for Cash Assistance?**

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services** | **Date:**  |
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Yes, as of February 17, 2020, MA is no longer included when Cash Assistance is authorized for most Cash Assistance budgets. County Assistance Offices (CAOs) must review MA eligibility for all individuals who apply for Cash Assistance. This includes individuals who are found eligible in both delinked and linked budgets.

 Delinked budgets include:

 • C/U, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

 • D02, Refugee Cash Assistance

 • B00, State Blind Pension

 **NOTE:** Individuals applying for Diversion (C/U 47, 48, 49) or Emergency Shelter Allowance (E) only do NOT have to be reviewed for MA.

Linked budgets include:

 • A/J/M, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

 • D05, Repatriated Nationals

CAOs should review the Individual Program Request screen to ensure that both “Cash” and “MA” are checked off for all individuals who are applying for Cash Assistance.

If an applicant applies for Cash Assistance and indicates they do not wish to be reviewed for MA, the CAO should obtain a written withdrawal for MA. See **MAEH 304.51, Processing a Withdrawn Application** for information about processing a voluntary withdrawal for MA.

Refer to **OPS 20-02-04** for more information on MA and Cash Delinking policy and procedures.