

Policy Clarification
Medical Assistance – All
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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Evaluations for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for Children in COVID Maintained Medical Assistance (MA) Budgets

Question: If a child (under 19) is open in a COVID Maintained MA budget, should the child move to CHIP when an action other than Reapplication is performed?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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No. A child (under 19) open in a COVID Maintained MA budget can only move to CHIP when a renewal for MA is processed in a Reapplication workflow during the unwinding period.

A system fix was implemented on May 25, 2023, to prevent movement of COVID Maintained MA budgets to CHIP in non-Reapplication workflows. However, if the County Assistance Office (CAO) is processing in a workflow other than Reapplication and the COVID Maintained child in any MA category is moving to a CHIP budget, the CAO must perform an override to maintain the child in the MA budget until the MA renewal date.

In a Reapplication workflow, a COVID Maintained child can move to a CHIP budget.

Non-COVID Maintained children can be moved to a CHIP budget in any workflow.

NOTE: If a child is open in PH 95 (COVID Maintained or Non-COVID Maintained) and the child is moving to CHIP in any workflow, the CAO must review and complete data entry in accordance with [DS 23042-701](#), Processing PH 95 Budgets. Correct data entry is necessary to ensure PH 95 does not close in error.