

Policy Clarification
Medical Assistance – All
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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Cooperating with Medical Review Team (MRT) Requirements, and Eligibility for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Question: When a child in a disability-related Medical Assistance (MA) category (such as PH95) is closed for failure to cooperate with MRT requirements, is the child eligible to transition to CHIP?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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Yes, but only at the child’s next renewal date because of the 12-month Continuous Eligibility requirement, which is effective January 1, 2024 (See Operations Memorandum 23-12-05). If the family does not cooperate in the MRT review process for a child open in PH95 or MA for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD), then the child is not eligible for disability-related MA, and the child must be reviewed for non-disability related MA. If determined ineligible for other non-disability related MA, the child will be placed in MG 18 C until the child’s next renewal date.

NOTE: If the presumptively disabled child is open in any MA category other than PH95 or MAWD, a Social Security Administration (SSA) referral will be made for the pursuit of potential income and for the disability determination. If the child does not qualify for SSA benefits due to a non-disability reason or if the family does not comply with pursuing SSA benefits for the child, an MRT referral will be made for the disability determination.

IMPORTANT: Until system updates are made, the County Assistance Office (CAO) worker will update the Disability screen as follows, at least until the child’s next renewal date, to capture the reported disability and cascade to non-disability related MA, including MG 18 C:

- Update the MA Disability Status field to “50-Temporary Disability”.
- Select “P-Verification Pending” on the MA Disability Verification field.
- Enter a future date in the “End Date” and “Review Date” fields. The “End Date” will be two years from the processing date and the “Review Date” will a month prior to the “End Date”.

REMINDER: The dates entered in these fields must follow the existing logic in that the date entered in the “Review Date” field must be before the “End Date” field.

Upon receipt of the requested medical documentation, the CAO worker will transition the child to the appropriate MA category and complete an MRT referral.

At the next renewal date, if the medical documentation is not in the case record, then the Disability screen will be maintained as indicated in the "**IMPORTANT**" section above (unless the family indicates the child is no longer disabled) and the child must be reviewed for non-disability related MA or CHIP.

If the child does not qualify for non-disability-related MA or CHIP and would be eligible for disability-related MA if the family provided the medical documentation for the MRT review, then the child’s case can be closed, and the CAO will issue an 042-Failure to Provide Required Information notice. The Disability screen will be updated as follows:

- Update the MA Disability Status field to “51-Permanent Disability”.
- Select “P-Verification Pending” on the MA Disability Verification field.
- The PH-00(D) will fail non-financially.

NOTE: Updating the Disability screen to fail the PH-00(D) budget and terminate the child’s MA, must only be done at the renewal date in this scenario.