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Has there been a change in a CHIP Contractor's service area?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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Yes, there are changes to **Aetna** and **United Healthcare's** service areas.

Effective immediately, Aetna will no longer provide CHIP benefits in the following 18 counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Clarion, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Schuylkill, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland.

Effective October 2012, United Healthcare stopped providing CHIP benefits in Franklin County.

County Assistance Offices (CAO) should stop sending manual CHIP referrals to Aetna and United Healthcare in these counties immediately, but no later than February 1, 2013.

System changes have already been made to stop sending automated referrals to Aetna and United Healthcare in these counties.

Please note that this change does not affect the other counties serviced by Aetna and United Healthcare.

For current CHIP contractor coverage areas, see the 'CHIP Contractors by County' chart on the OIM Web, CAO Resources.