**Policy Clarification**

**Medical Assistance – All – PMA-21818-388**

**Long-Term Care – All – PMN-21818-488**

**Submitted: May 21, 2024 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Sending Notice of Buy-In Closure in a Combination Case**

**Question: What notice will a caseworker send when an individual is eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits but is no longer eligible for Buy-In of their Medicare premium?**

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| **Response By: Bureau of Policy** | **Date: June 24, 2024** |  |  |
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When a SNAP recipient is no longer eligible for Buy-In, the County Assistance Office (CAO) must complete and send the PA 162 MI-1, Ineligible/Medicare Savings Program notice located in the Medicare Improvements to Patients and Providers Act "(MIPPA) Notices” [folder on Docushare](http://docushare.dpw.lcl/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-1976099/PA%200162%20MI-1%202-24%20Final.pdf) in addition to the SNAP eligible notice, so that all the proper language is included.

When a combination case is processed that results in the loss of Buy-In eligibility, the CAO must issue advance notice to the client that includes the specific reason for the denial or closure. For example, if the Buy-In closure is based on income or resources, the notice sent must include the individual’s household size, calculated income and/or resources and the applicable income standard.

These details are included in the PA 162 MI-1 MIPPA notice; however, this notice is not generated in the Electronic Client Information System (eCIS) so this language cannot be pulled into the system-generated combination case notices.

A Daily Status will be issued once the MIPPA notices are added to eCIS.