

# Policy Clarifications –Medicaid – All PMA-17374-304

**Submitted: 12/14**      **Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Health Screening and MA Applications Pended until Dec 1, 2014**

**Question:**

An Information Memorandum dated 11/12/14 instructed CAOs to hold off processing MA applications until December 1<sup>st</sup> but doesn't explain how the Health Screening page should be handled.

Do we select skipped or Not Applicable when processing new MA applications received in November?

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**Response By: Division of Health Services**

**Date: 12/8/14**

All applicants must be given the opportunity to complete a health screening.

When processing an application from prior to December 1, 2014, select "Pending" on the Healthy PA page for Health Screening. A PA 253 will be sent out advising the applicant to complete a health screening through COMPASS or by calling the PA Consumer Service Center within 18 days.

When the applicant completes the health screening, an alert will be created notifying the caseworker that the health screening has been completed. If the 18 days passes and the applicant does not complete the health screening, it is considered "skipped" and processing may be completed as normal.

It is understood that this may result in some application timeliness issues. You must narrate that the individual was not previously given the chance to screen and that the generation of the health screening resulted in the timeliness error.

Additional information can be found in [OPS Memo 14-11-01](#), Medicaid Eligibility Rule Changes Under the Healthy Pennsylvania 1115 Waiver (Healthy PA).