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Policy Clarifications – Medicaid – All
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Submitted: Agency: CAOs

Subject: Processing Time Frame and Reconsideration Period for Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) Applications

Question: We receive many delayed FFM applications with the Application Signature Date 30 or more days in the past. Current policy states that MA eligibility must be determined within 30 days of the date the application is submitted. Additionally, the reconsideration period for MA applications is 60 days from the date the individual applied. Do these policies apply to FFM applications?

Response By: Division of Health Services

Date:

No. The Commonwealth is receiving a significant number of delayed FFM applications. Some of these applications were received by the FFM in 2014.

CAOs will follow the guidelines below for applications that were submitted to the FFM and received by the CAO with an application date of 30 or more days in the past:

- Process FFM applications within 30 days of the FFM Application Transfer Date.
- Start the 60-day reconsideration period from the FFM Application Transfer date.

Note: The CAO must determine MA eligibility from the FFM Application Signature Date.

Example: The CAO receives an FFM application with the Application Signature Date of 01/01/2015 and the Application Transfer Date of 05/05/2015. The CAO will determine MA eligibility within 30 days from 05/05/2015. The reconsideration period will be 60 days from 05/05/2015. The CAO will determine eligibility starting from 01/01/2015 and use 01/01/2015 as the MA Begin Date on the Program Request screen.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has indicated that the system issues causing a delay in transferring FFM applications to states are planned to be fixed in the summer of 2015.

This policy clarification **stays in effect until further guidance is issued.** ~~Becomes obsolete on August 31, 2015.~~