**Policy Clarifications –**

**Medicaid – All**

**PMA-19268-312**

**Submitted: 02/07/19 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Notice of End of Coverage for the Postpartum Period**

**Question**: Should a notice be sent when a pregnancy is end dated and the postpartum period is calculated?

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services Date: 02/20/19**  |  |

Yes, a notice (reason code 966, option D) should be sent when the pregnancy is end dated and a close date is systematically entered based on the postpartum period for MG00P, MG90P and MG91P budgets.

**Example**: A single, pregnant woman has income less than 33 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline and then reports the birth of a child. She transitions from MG00P to MG27T immediately due to parent/caretaker status. No postpartum notice should be sent to the woman.

**Example**: A single, pregnant woman in MG00P has income over 33 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline, but under 215 percent and then reports the birth of a child. She remains eligible in MG00P and a close date is set based on the end of the postpartum period. A postpartum notice (reason 966, option D) should be sent to the woman.

However, it has been determined that the system is failing to generate a postpartum notice (reason code 966, option D) when a pregnancy is terminated in all scenarios. See Daily Status, [D19021905](http://mydhs/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_286789.docx).

Caseworkers must create and mail a manual notice if there is a future close date due to the end of a postpartum period and no immediate ongoing benefits. Caseworkers should review the MA Budget Authorization screen while processing the end of a pregnancy to monitor for a future close date and no ongoing medical benefits for the mother. A copy of the manual notice must be scanned to the case record.

Please use the link below to access a template for a PA162 listing reason 966/D, end of postpartum benefits.

[Attachment 1: PA 162 for MA Closure due to End of Postpartum Period (966D)](http://mydhs/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_286793.pdf)