**Policy Clarifications**

**Medicaid – All**

**PMA-19337-305**

**Submitted: 4/3/19 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: MG 18 C Closure Prior to Renewal**

**Question**: Should a child under four open for MG 18 C remain open in that category when the County Assistance Office (CAO) takes an action on the case prior to Renewal?

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services Date:** |  |

The MG 18 C budget for a child under four may only close prior to renewal if the child meets MA eligibility criteria for another MA category or if the child’s MA should close for one of the reasons outlined in OPS180301.

If another MA category opens for a child who should remain open in MG 18 C, the CAO will complete an override to keep the child open in the MG 18 C budget until renewal. At renewal, the CAO will re-determine the child’s MA eligibility. If required information is not verified or the child is no longer eligible for MA at renewal, the CAO will close the child’s MA.

**Example:**  The CAO closes a child’s MG 27 budget for Whereabouts Unknown and opens MG 18 C until renewal. The CAO later runs eligibility on the case prior to renewal. MG 18 C closes and MG 27 opens. The CAO will complete an override to keep MG 18 C open until renewal if the child’s whereabouts remain unknown. At renewal, the CAO will review eligibility and close the child’s MA if whereabouts remain unknown or the child is ineligible for another reason.