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Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): |

Message: There are several medical program changes effective July 1st.

- The OHP-OPU program requirements were changed to limit the number of clients allowed into the program. The change was made to meet state budget requirements. The new limitations apply to both OHP-OPU and CAWEMS whose eligibility is based on OHP-OPU.

Clients have the right to request benefits at any time. Branches should continue to accept all medical applications.

- Medical program applicants must be notified that all SPD and CAF SS medical programs have been reviewed before denying benefits. Three new medical decision notices have been added to support the new notice requirement.

Other July 1st policy clarifications affecting CAF SS medical eligibility workers:

- A 30-day medical program pend process when reviewing eligibility to approve or deny the continuation of medical program benefits (such as when acting on a reported change).

July 1st OHP-OPU Change:

Effective July 1st, there are two groups of medical applicants that may be considered for OHP-OPU:

- Clients recertifying for OHP-OPU benefits without a break in assistance, and
- Clients converting from child welfare medical, BCCM, EXT, MAA, MAF, OHP-CHP, OHP-OPC, OSIPM, REFM or SAC to OHP-OPU without a break in assistance.

“Without a break in assistance” means that the OHP-OPU client requesting recertification returned their OHP recertification packet before their current certification expired.

“Without a break in assistance” also means that a client converting from child welfare medical, BCCM, MAA, MAF, EXT, OSIPM, REFM or SAC applied for medical benefits while still receiving their prior medical program benefits. It could also mean that their worker reevaluated the client’s medical eligibility because of a reported change or eligibility review.

New Medical Decision Notices for All Medical Program Applicants, including OHP-OPU:

Before ending a client’s medical program benefits, workers are expected to consider the client’s eligibility for all medical programs. To ensure compliance with federal requirements and consistency of client services, workers must send a multiple medical denial notice to clarify that all other medical programs offered by SS and SPD have been considered. Three new notices have been developed to support the new requirement:

- The “Medical Assistance Denial Notice” (available as the form DHS 0462A on the forms web page or on Notice Writer as CM0462A). The DHS 0462A is for all medical program eligibility workers, both SPD and CAF SS. Use for clients that not eligible for any DHS medical program.
- The “Medical Assistance Denial Notice Through Seniors and People with Disabilities” (available as the form DHS 0462S on the forms web page or on Notice Writer as CM0462S). The DHS 0462S is for Seniors and People with Disabilities staff. Use for clients not eligible for SPD medical programs but who need to be referred to CAF SS for an MAA/MAF eligibility decision.
- The “Medical Assistance Denial Through Children, Adults and Families” notice (available as the form DHS 0462C on the forms web page or on Notice Writer as

CM0462C). Only CAF SS staff would need to use the DHS 0462C. Use for clients that are not eligible for any CAF SS medical program but have indicated they are disabled and are being referred to SPD for an OSIPM eligibility decision.

Training Information

An OHP Review & July 1 Changes NetLink will be offered in July. Sign up for the NetLink training on the online registration system.

An OHP Review & Changes “train the trainer training” will also be offered for CAF SS staff in July. Registration is being coordinated at the SDA level.

For CAF SS Only

30-Day Medical Pend Process for Redetermining Medical Eligibility:

Redetermination is done at assigned intervals, whenever eligibility becomes questionable or when acting on a change that affects current medical eligibility.

If acting on a reported change that affects medical eligibility give the filing group 30 days from the date that the household reports the change to re-establish their eligibility under a different medical program. The client's report of the change must be timely in order to get the 30-day extension.

When reviewing an ongoing medical case use the date of the review as the first of the 30 days. If not eligible, send the DHS 456 and a Medical Assistance Denial notice (either the DHS 0462A or the DHS 0462C).

For example:

When reviewing a transferred in OHP case, the worker realizes the family may be MAA eligible. If there is enough information to verify MAA eligibility convert the case to MAA. However, if more verification is needed, send a 30-day pend notice for the MAA eligibility determination.

If the family is not MAA eligible, deny MAA and send the DHS 456 and the Medical Assistance Denial (DHS 0462A) notice. If they indicate they are disabled, refer to SPD using your local branch referral process and send the Medical Assistance Denial Through Children, Adults and Families (DHS 0462C) notice.

Policy Questions:

For questions, call or e-mail Joyce Clarkson (503 945-6106) or Michelle Marks (503 947-5129) at CAF SS or Dale Marande (503 945-6476) at SPD.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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