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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors CHS SDA Managers
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**SUBJECT: Presumptive Disability Determination Eligibility Process Clarification
and DHS 7211 & DHS 7211A Application Addendums Clarification**

**INFORMATION: Presumptive Disability Determination Eligibility Process
Clarification**

The Department is hearing from advocates and other sources that medical program applicants and recipients are not being screened for the medical programs that receive the OHP Plus benefit package; programs such as MAA, MAF and OSIPM. As a result, clients are receiving the OHP Standard benefit package when they could be eligible for the OHP Plus benefit package.

Much of the confusion appears to be about clients currently receiving OHP-Standard (OPU) benefits that say they are disabled but who are not receiving SSI. They may be considered "presumptively eligible" for Medicaid. Clients who meet all eligibility requirements for OSIPM, except they have not been determined disabled by the Social Security Administration, need to be referred for a presumptive Medicaid disability decision by the Presumptive Medicaid Disability Determination Team (PMDDT). Local offices must have staff available to screen for OSIPM financial and non-financial eligibility or have a process in place to ensure that the clients are seen by staff with the necessary expertise in another local office. Processes must not shuffle clients back and forth between branch offices.

Additionally:

- While the presumptive eligibility determination is pending for an applicant, determine eligibility for OHP-OPU (OHP Standard benefit package). Don't delay medical benefits while the disability decision is pending.
- For applicants with dependent children, determine eligibility for MAA or MAF programs. If over the income standard for MAA/MAF, screen for OSIPM. The OSIPM income standard is higher than the MAA/MAF income standard for some filing groups.

Managers need to assess their local procedures to determine if these processes are in place. Let us know if you think further discussion is needed at future managers' meetings. Central Office is planning to convene a work group consisting of representatives from the AAA, MSO, DSO, SPD, CAF and CHS offices to address some of these issues over the long term.

DHS 7211 & DHS 7211A Application Addendums Clarification

There has also been confusion about the purpose of the new DHS 7211 "OHP Application Addendum" and the DHS 7211A "OHP Medical Assistance Application Addendum" forms. The addendums do not establish a date of request for medical assistance. They are a part of the medical application and cannot be used as a stand alone application for benefits:

- The DHS 7211 is used with the OHP application and references specific questions on the OHP 7210. The 7210 is not complete without the 7211 addendum.
- The DHS 7211A addendum is used with the DHS 415 application. The DHS 415 application is not complete without the 7211A addendum.

Both addendums are available on the forms website. A March revision will be implemented soon:

<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/forms/databases/findforms.htm>

The addendums were created because the existing medical applications did not include questions needed for OHP eligibility with the February 2003 changes, and there wasn't enough time before February 1st to revise the OHP application. Use these addendums to:

- Determine who should be referred to FHIAP. (Question 1.)
- Determine who should be evaluated for Medicaid based on a disability. (Question 2.)

- Determine who should have their six-month waiting period waived. (Question 3.)
- Include an additional month of income information for OHP, because beginning in February 2003, the client must report income from 3 months prior to the budget month. (Question 4.)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the appropriate program analyst listed below.

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