

2716 – FAMILY MEDICAID MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

POLICY STATEMENT	Other changes may occur which may require action. Evaluate reported changes for necessary action.
Mass Changes	<p>Mass changes affect all or a large number of AUs receiving benefits. These changes may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adjustments to income limits • adjustments to dependent care deductions • cost of living adjustments to SSA, SSI, VA and other benefits • other changes based on legislative or regulatory actions. <p>Mass changes are generally completed by systems changes and require no eligibility worker (EW) intervention. Adequate notice is required.</p> <p>Cases affected by the mass change but not updated by the system may require the worker to initiate a change. A list is generated to notify the EW which cases will not be updated in the mass review so that the EW may take appropriate and timely action.</p>
Closure: AU Request Closure	<p>Document the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reason for the closure • the date the closure is requested. <p>Terminate ongoing benefits after giving timely notice.</p> <p>NOTE: If the request for closure is in writing, only adequate notice is required.</p>
EDD Contact on Pregnant Women	<p>Complete the following procedures in contacting a pregnant woman each month beginning with the month prior to the EDD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the pregnant woman by telephone, letter or face-to-face. • Establish by the A/R's statement that the pregnancy continues, reminding the pregnant woman to notify the agency when the pregnancy terminates. Also, remind the pregnant woman of her right to apply for TANF 45 days prior to the expected date of delivery. • Continue to contact the pregnant woman each month until the pregnancy terminates.

EDD Contact on Pregnant Woman (contd.)	When a pregnancy terminates, continue Medicaid through the 60-day transition period. If the termination results in a birth, approve LIM for the mother and baby or, if ineligible for LIM, approve Newborn Medicaid. Refer to Section 2174, Newborn Medicaid.
Processing 60-Day Transition Medicaid	<p>Complete the following procedures to process 60-day transition Medicaid when pregnancy terminates for a Medicaid eligible pregnant woman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine date of termination. • Count the 60 days beginning with that day. • Continue Medicaid for the pregnant woman through the month in which the 60th day falls. • Begin a CMD by the 30th day of the transition period and complete the process by the 40th day. • If Medicaid eligibility does not continue, terminate Medicaid on the pregnant woman. Send timely notice.
Processing Newborn Medicaid	<p>When a pregnancy terminates with the birth of a child, use the following procedures to process eligibility for the newborn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine if LIM eligibility exists. • If ineligible for LIM, establish that mother was eligible for and receiving Medicaid on the day the child was born. Refer to Section 2174, Newborn Medicaid for the definition “receiving Medicaid on the day the child was born”. • Approve Newborn Medicaid for the month of birth and ongoing pending contact with the mother. • Contact the mother to determine if the child continues to live with her. • Continue ongoing Medicaid for the child if eligible. If ineligible, complete a CMD. • Discuss third party liability and complete Form DMA-285, Third Party Resources, if possible. • Begin a CMD in the 12th month of Newborn eligibility and complete the process by the 10th of the 13th month of eligibility. • If a child is eligible under another COA, process as required. Complete a review, alternate or standard, to determine all points of eligibility. If eligibility continues, approve the child under the appropriate COA. <p>If eligibility does not continue under any COA, provide a termination notice.</p>

RSM Child Reaches an Age Limit	<p>Use the following procedures when a RSM child reaches an age limit in RSM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the month prior to the month in which the RSM child reaches age 1 or age 6, contact the A/R to update income information and to inquire about any other changes. • For a child receiving inpatient services in the month s/he reaches an age limit, refer to Section 2182, RSM Child. • Complete a new budget using the appropriate RSM income level for the child's age. • If eligibility continues, send a notice to inform the AU of the change in eligibility. • If over the RSM income limit, refer the AU to PeachCare for Kids. <p>NOTE: when a RSM child reaches the 19-year age limit, complete a CMD. Begin this process in the month prior to the individual's 19th birthday and complete the CMD by the 10th of the last month s/he will be 19 years old.</p>
Changes in MN Case During the One Month Budget Period	<p>Use the following procedures to re-calculate eligibility for Medicaid when an A/R reports any of the following changes in a MN case during the one month budget period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an increase or decrease in income • a change in BG size • additional medical expenses • a decrease in resources • a change in dependent care expenses <p>NOTE: The result of any of these changes may cause the AU to become eligible earlier in the budget period month, may cause the case to go from eligible for Medicaid to spenddown status, or may increase or decrease the spenddown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request verification of the change if required. • Determine the actual income that has been received and/or the BG size for the budget period.

**Changes in MN Case
During the One
Month Budget Period
(cont.)**

- Anticipate income and expenses for the remainder of the budget period.
 - Determine BG composition for the budget period.
- NOTE:** If a BG member was living in the home at any time in the month, count this individual in determining the BG size.
- Re-calculate eligibility.
 - Subtract any allowable deductions from the total income
 - Subtract the MNIL from the net income.
 - If the result is equal to or less than the MNIL, approve or continue de facto eligibility.
- NOTE:** If this change results in de facto eligibility, the case becomes eligible for Medicaid in the month the change occurred.
- If the result exceeds the MNIL, this is the spenddown amount. Apply any incurred medical expenses chronologically to this spenddown. If spenddown is met, approve MN for the AU on the day spenddown is met. Provide Form 400, as required. If spenddown is not met, return the case to spenddown status or continue spenddown the following month.
 - Notify the AU of any action on the case.

**Other Changes in a
MN Case**

When the pregnant woman in a MN case reports termination of pregnancy, use the procedures in Chart 2716.1 to process Medicaid.

CHART 2716.1 – OTHER CHANGES IN A MN CASE	
IF	THEN
the pregnant woman was correctly approved for Medicaid	provide 60-day pregnancy transition Medicaid.
the pregnant woman's case was in spenddown status and the bills incurred on the day of the termination of pregnancy met spenddown	<p>verify all actual income and expenses that have been received for the budget period and anticipate income and expenses for the remainder</p> <p>AND</p> <p>recalculate the budget and all incurred medical expenses in chronological order</p> <p>AND</p> <p>approve Medicaid the day spenddown is met through the 60-day pregnancy transition, even if it extends beyond the budget period</p> <p>AND</p> <p>provide Form 400 as needed.</p> <p>NOTE: If spenddown is not met until the date after the termination of pregnancy, the pregnant woman is ineligible for Medicaid and the child cannot receive Newborn coverage.</p>
if the mother is or becomes Medicaid eligible	approve the child for Newborn coverage.
<p>If an A/R submits an unpaid medical expense that was incurred during or prior to the budget period after the budget period has expired, apply the bill to the spenddown if the following two conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spenddown for the budget period will be met or adjusted by allowing this expense <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the bill is presented within three months of the expired Budget Period. <p>If these conditions are met, follow the procedures in this chart.</p> <p>NOTE: If the three month time limit has passed, allow the bill in any current or future budget period if the BG member is still legally obligated to pay the bill and there is no Third Party Resource coverage available.</p>	