



Office of Medical Assistance Programs Fee-For-Service Subcommittee

February 7, 2024

Enrollment



- Enrollment continues to work clean applications under 30 days.
- We are expecting 3000 revalidation applications this month.
- Effective February 1st enrollment has begun for certified perinatal doulas for participation with Managed Care.
- Effective March 1st enrollment will begin accepting applications for pharmacists
- Changes previously made in ePEAP should be processed through the enrollment portal

- Maintain your MA provider file POC information, keep it current and accurate. Know who your “enrollers or credentialers” identified as your POC!
- Make sure your enrollers submit reval apps **timely when due**. The locations **will stay open** while we process the apps, even if it takes us significant time to do it.
- Reminder, for revalidations multiple service locations can be included on one application

- Treat the application seriously. It is a legal agreement and a signed attestation to comply with a vast array of federal and state Medicaid rules...it is far more than just getting a “billing number”.
- Make sure your enrollers do good QC checks of your application content before submission. Minimize need to return apps for corrections and the associated delays. Your enrollers can and should check their app status in the portal.
- If you/your enrollers have questions about revalidation or enrollment status, **the best thing to do** is contact **MA enrollment staff** at: [800-537-8862](tel:800-537-8862) [Option 2](#) [Option 4](#)

Q & A with Mr. Carl Feldman, Director Bureau of Policy, Office of Income Maintenance

What is the plan after the 12/14 months are up?

After the conclusion of the unwinding period renewals of Medicaid eligibility will continue annually and, in some instances, semi-annually depending upon the individuals category of Medical Assistance.

Does all of the extra assistance go away?

The unwinding period did not offer any additional assistance. It required the state to maintain eligibility for some Medical Assistance recipients regardless of changes in their circumstance until their renewal due date. After these individuals' renewal due date their eligibility will be dependent upon their financial and non-financial eligibility.

What is going to happen if you don't get everything done before the end date?

DHS will complete all renewals due for an eligibility review within the unwinding period and corresponding cleanup. If we were to not do so CMS would provide direction on how to ensure all renewals are completed and the unwinding period would be complete.

What is the transition plan once a beneficiary is no longer eligible for MA? Will the transition be seamless to the beneficiary?

When an individual's Medical Assistance eligibility is terminated they are sent a notice indicating why they were found to no longer be eligible and information on their appeal rights. If the closure is for a procedural reason they may provide the missing information for up to 90 days after the case closed and have their eligibility reconsidered and have their case opened back to the date of closure if they are found to be eligible.

If an adult is found to no longer be eligible for Medical Assistance due to financial reasons they may be eligible for subsidized health care coverage on Pennie. Their case information is transferred automatically to Pennie and Pennie conducts outreach to the household with information about their coverage options and the level of subsidy they are eligible for.

If a child is found to no longer be eligible for Medical Assistance due to financial reasons they may be eligible for CHIP and will be transitioned into a CHIP category.

[Unwinding Renewals Progress Tracker \(pa.gov\)](#)

- Starting February 1, 2024, Perinatal Doulas may enroll in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program to allow for participation in the managed care networks within the MA managed care delivery system.
- Starting March 1, 2024 , Pharmacists may enroll Medical Assistance (MA) Program to provide services to MA beneficiaries.
- On February 15th, 2024 OMAP will be hosting a provider enrollment training to pharmacists wishing to enroll in the PA Medical Assistance/Medicaid program. This training option will utilize a virtual classroom via GoTo Webinar and will feature live instruction by a provider enrollment specialist. This session will focus how to create a username and log in, complete the provider application, submit claims for billing and a review of the information required to be provided at the time of application.
- APR/DRG version 40 & 41
 - February 29th release – on-track

MABs Issued Since November Meeting:

1. (01-23-27) "MA Program Fee Schedule Updates for the Administration of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines" Issued and Effective 12/11/23
2. (99-23-12) "Ex Parte Reinstatement of Coverage" Issued and Effective 12/20/23
3. (99-23-11) "Carr v. Becerra - Retroactive Reinstatement of Coverage" Issued and Effective 12/20/23
4. (08-24-01) "Interprofessional Consultation Services" Issued 12/27/2023, Effective 1/1/24

5. (99-23-10) "Payment for Services Associated with Qualifying Clinical Trials" Issued and Effective 12/28/23

6. (13-24-01) "Doula Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program" Issued 1/10/24, Effective 2/1/24

7. (01-24-02) "Pasteurized Donor Human Milk Coverage Updates" Issued 1/19/24, Effective 1/20/24

8. (99-24-01) "Medical Assistance Program Vaccine Desk Reference" Issued and Effective 1/24/24

Upcoming MABs to be Issued:

1. “Ambulance Service Rate Increase” (26-24-01)

Description: The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers that the Department of Human Services (Department) will begin paying for ground ambulance mileage for each loaded mile in addition to increasing the fees for certain ambulance services on the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule, effective with dates of service on or after January 1, 2024. This bulletin will be issued after CMS approves the corresponding State Plan Amendment.

2. “Pharmacist Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program” (10-24-02)

Description: The purpose of this bulletin is to advise licensed pharmacists that they may enroll in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program to provide services to MA beneficiaries.

3. “Pharmacist Billing in the Medical Assistance Program” (01-24-01)

Description: The purpose of this bulletin is to advise pharmacists who are enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program of the procedure code additions and the procedures for billing services they provide to MA beneficiaries, effective for dates of service on and after March 1, 2024.

4. “Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Revisions” (TBD)

Description: The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers of additions and updates to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule.

