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Topic: Medical Benefits

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify): CAF SSP only

Policy/Rule Title:	Certification Period; OHP		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	461-115-0530	Release No:	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2009	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation: Effective January 1, 2009, children eligible for OHP-OPC or OHP-OP6 with a date of request on or after January 1, 2009 will be put on 12-month certification periods instead of the current 6-month eligibility periods. New CM system OHP-OPC and OHP-OP6 need/resource items will be added to track the 12-month certification period.

Administrative rules will be amended for January 1, 2009. CM system changes will be implemented during the December end of month processing.

A conversion will take place to add the need/resource end dates to all current OPC/OP6 recipients, although this will still reflect the child's current six-month eligibility period. They will not get the 12-month eligibility period until their next redetermination, if eligible at that time.

The UCMS certification period end date will no longer drive the closure of an eligibility period for any of our clients. This end date was planned to be removed by January 1,

2009, but with system issues for MMIS, this will not likely be removed until January 2009 or later. However, this date will no longer have any affect on a medical case. Eligibility staff will continue to code the "C" update code until further notice.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: For all eligibility determinations based on a date of request on or after January 1, 2009, the end date on UCMS will not control the end of the eligibility period for OPC or OP6 children. The end of the eligibility period will be driven by the need/resource end date the worker enters on CMUP.

Training/Communication Plan:

Local/Branch Action Required: Please cover this information in each office where medical applications are processed.

Central Office Action Required:

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: This policy change is currently still in the field review process, so we were not able to include this information in the joint Policy Transmittal sent out by CAF SSP for the January 1, 2009 changes in FSM and rule.

Filing Instructions:

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