

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, Director of Services,
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SUBJECT: Continuous Coverage for Case Type 13; Case Type 13 to Case Type
20, and Vice Versa

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts of systemic support of Continuous Coverage on Case Type 13 (ADC/FC) for IV-E eligible foster care children. This GIS also advises districts of a new systems capability to change a Case Type 13 to a Case Type 20 and vice versa during an undercare transaction. These provisions do not apply to New York City SERMA cases.

Districts were previously informed in GIS 98 MA/041 on December 29, 1998, that effective with determinations or redeterminations of eligibility made on or after January 1, 1999, most children under age 19 would be guaranteed Medicaid coverage for 12 months. GIS 02 MA/012 re-emphasized to districts that IV-E and non IV-E foster care children are eligible for Continuous Coverage, including children in the custody of the Office of Children and Family Services as well as children in the custody of local departments of social services. There was no systemic support for Continuous Coverage for IV-E Foster Care at that time. However, the Department had requested a change to the system.

Continuous Coverage processing is now supported Upstate by WMS for IV-E foster care children on Case Type 13. WMS will now calculate and display a Continuous Save Date (CSD) for Case Type 13, as appropriate. At closing, Medicaid will be continued under Continuous Coverage unless a valid reason exists to close the Medicaid case. The following reason codes used on Case Type 13 will truncate Medicaid coverage:

- U66 – Currently in Receipt of Assistance
- E60 – Unable to Locate
- E63 – Not a Resident of State
- E65 – Discontinuance, Eligible for Continuous Coverage in New District
- E79 – MA Not Provided in Current Living Arrangement
- E90 – Client's request
- E95 – Died
- U77 – Concurrent Benefits, Intra-state, No Aid Continuing
- U78 – Concurrent Benefits, Inter-state, Aid Continuing

At the conclusion of the Continuous Coverage period, the child's eligibility for on-going Medicaid must be redetermined.

At the request of districts, in order to facilitate case processing for foster children who move

between IV-E status and non IV-E status, trial discharge and discharge status and re-entry into the foster care system, the ability to change Case Type 13 to Case Type 20 and vice versa, is now supported.

When changing Case Type 13 to Case Type 20, use new Case Level Reason Code Y61 (No Longer IV-E Eligible) with Transaction Type 05 (Undercare Maintenance) or 06 (Recertification). The Notice Indicator must be "N". When changing a Case Type 20 to a Case Type 13, use the new Case Level Reason code Y62 (Child IV-E Eligible) with Transaction Type 05 or 06; the Notice Indicator must be blank.

NOTE: When a Case Type 13 is changed to Case Type 20 and the Transaction Type 06, it is considered a redetermination of eligibility. It is also a redetermination of eligibility when the Case Type is changed from 20 to 13 and the Transaction Type is either 05 or 06. Therefore, a new CSD will be calculated for that transaction if the Individual Categorical Code is 01-09, 13, 15, 26 or 43-48. The CSD will be set equal to one year from the MA Coverage From-date or the first day of the transaction month, whichever is later.

Additionally WMS edits have been modified. The following entries are no longer required for Case Type 13: the PA-FS Code, the Employability Code, and Marital Status Code.

These changes are supported by WMS effective March 24, 2003. If you have any questions, please call your local district liaison.