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TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Expanded Monthly Transition from WMS to NY State of Health

ATTACHMENT: CNS Notice W5H PHE Transition to NYSOH and CNS Notice 661
Conversion from EDITS to NYSOH

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform local departments of social services of an upcoming expanded transition of Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) eligible consumers from the Welfare Management System (WMS) to NY State of Health. The expanded transition is part of the continued effort to move MAGI consumers out of WMS. This GIS is informational only. Workers will not be required to take any action on cases that meet the selection criteria.

At the start of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and throughout the Medicaid continuous coverage requirement (CCR) provision under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), the MAGI transition as outlined in 2016 LCM-01 'Transitioning MAGI Consumers from WMS to NY State of Health, and 2018-LCM-01 'Transitioning MAGI Consumers from WMS to NY State of Health', was suspended. Starting in 2021 for New York City (NYC) and 2023 in Rest of State (ROS) transition activities have restarted using the same criteria.

The Department will expand the criteria for the monthly transition of MAGI cases in November 2023. In addition to the selection criteria outlined in 2016 LCM-01 and 2018-LCM-01, the expanded selection will include child-only cases, undomiciled consumers, MAGI eligible consumers with Medicare, Undocumented consumers under the age of 65 who have Emergency Medicaid (07 coverage) (in NYC, ROS already transitions these individuals), and deemed newborns who are on cases without a pregnant or postpartum member. In addition to these populations, we will also be transitioning consumers aged 65 and older with Emergency Medicaid (07 coverage) in both NYC and ROS. This population will be eligible for expanded coverage available through NY State of Health starting 1/1/24. Additional guidance will be forthcoming related to this population.

WMS will send files to NY State of Health with case specific information and will immediately establish coverage in NY State of Health. Consumers will receive a notice from NY State of Health with instructions on when and how to renew for continued Medicaid coverage.

The first of the monthly files sent for this update will be a bulk transition selecting all cases with at least 4 months of prospective eligibility. ROS cases that meet this eligibility time frame will have their case closed and the Coverage From date changed to the 1st of the month in which the file is processed. They will have the Coverage To date changed to the end of the month following the month of transition. An example is a case selected in November will have the coverage dates changed to 11/1/23-12/31/23. NYC cases that meet this eligibility time frame will be closed but have no change to Coverage To and From dates. Following the first file, a monthly file will be sent of any remaining cases meeting selection criteria going forward. Rest of State workers will be able to identify selected cases via a unique Office, Unit, Worker of SAD/NYDOH/0000. A new report will also be generated for ROS titled "MAGI Transition to NYSO" (WINR4163) that will be available via Production Hosting Reports & Enterprise Document (PHRED). The WINR4163 will list cases that were successfully transferred. In NYC, workers will be able to identify transitioned cases by the reason code 661.

Individuals in NYC selected during this process will be notified of this change via a CNS notice 661 and ROS individuals selected will be notified via a CNS notice W5H. See Attachments I and II for notice details.

There are still some MAGI eligible consumers remaining on WMS such as Pregnant individuals, people in the Post-Partum period, Unborns, Incarcerated individuals as well as others. Districts will be informed when the selection criteria are expanded to transition these consumers in the future.

Please direct any questions to your local district support liaison.