

**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, PA Directors,  
CAP Coordinators

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**SUBJECT:** Upstate Systems Support for Welfare Reform Changes

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 24, 1997

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Systems changes to support Welfare Reform were scheduled to occur over the weekend of November 29 and 30, 1997 with those necessary to support Mass Rebudgeting. The MBL changes to support Welfare Reform and the Mass Rebudgeting changes will take place as scheduled on November 29 and 30, 1997. The WMS systems changes described in the November 18, 1997 WMS/CNS Coordinator Letter are postponed until the weekend of December 13 and 14, 1997. The areas of systems revision postponed are:

- Citizenship/Alien Codes
- Individual Categorical Codes
- TMA
- CNS, including PA/MA extensions

Please refer to the November 18, 1997 WMS/CNS Coordinator Letter for details of the systems changes listed above.

Since MBL will be revised to support Welfare Reform effective December 1, 1997, the instructions provided in GIS 97 MA/023 continue to apply. Final decisions on pended cases as described in the GIS message may be performed as of December 1, 1997. MBL Transmittals 97-1 and 97-2 dated November 18, 1997, address Mass Rebudgeting and Welfare Reform changes, respectively.

The new Individual Categorical Codes to support Welfare Reform are scheduled to be available December 15, 1997. Districts should continue to use current Individual Categorical Codes to process cases. The CNS matrix described in the October 21, 1997 WMS/CNS coordinator letter will continue to be used until systems changes occur on December 15, 1997. Eligible PA recipients in an intact family should be given an Individual Categorical Code of 09 with an MA coverage code equal to 01 or 30 (rather than 16 or 32). For these cases, the case type should be changed from 14 to 11 as described in 97 ADM-20. The new Individual Categorical Code of 26 must be used for these parents after December 15.

At next client contact or at recertification, Individual Categorical Codes must be updated to reflect eligibility as described in the November 18, 1997 WMS/CNS Coordinator Letter, at regional meetings, and in the draft Administrative Directive, "Medicaid Implications of Welfare Reform", sent to districts via electronic mail on October 10, 1997.