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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Date: March 19, 1990

Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Effect of the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 on Automated SDX/WMS Interface (ASWI) Processing.

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM.

BACKGROUND

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-503) includes the following major provisions:

1. Independent verification of information produced by a matching program is required before adverse action can be taken against an individual.
2. No adverse action may be taken against an individual as a result of information produced by a matching program until thirty days after the individual has been provided notice of the findings and an opportunity to contest the findings.

As of February 12, 1990, ASWI began automatically extending Medical Assistance eligibility for those ASWI transactions having the following SDX coding:

1. Transaction Code 05 - Individual Moved to Another State
2. Transaction Code 07 with Payment Status Code T01 - Terminated, Death of Recipient.
3. Transaction code 07 with Payment Status Code N03 - Non-Pay, Recipient Is outside U.S.

ASWI PROCESSING

ASWI will extend the Medical Assistance coverage dates using the following schema:

1. Moved out of state -- ASWI will extend MA coverage thirty-five days from the date that the State receives the SDX record to allow for transmission time from Baltimore, and to provide a full thirty days by the time ASWI is received by the local district.
2. Moved out of country -- ASWI will extend MA coverage thirty-five days beginning with the Medicaid Effective Date, to allow for transmission delays.
3. Death -- ASWI will extend MA coverage thirty-five days from the date the State receives the SDX record to allow for transmission delays.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To fully comply with the requirements of the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-503) local districts should review their ASWI transactions for those having the codes listed on page 1 and send the recipient the standardized MA-Only Notice of Intent to Discontinue/Change Medical Assistance, as noted in 89 ADM-21.

It is not anticipated that there will be a large volume of positive responses to these notices. However, if you are contacted by a recipient who has been adversely affected by a closing action based on the above SDX coding, the following steps should be taken:

1. Leave the Case Type as "20" MA Only. (Opening another MA-SSI Case Type 22 will only perpetuate the problem by causing further adverse ASWI transactions.)
2. Contact the SSA district or field office, which is printed in field 119 "DIST OFFICE" on the ASWI report, to alert them to the error and follow up with an SSA 3911 National Correction Procedure Report.
3. Extend the MA coverage "To" date beyond the system generated thirty-five days to a standard Medical Assistance time period. ASWI will reset the case to MA-SSI when a correction is made by SSA.

Questions concerning this LCM should be directed to your MA county representative at 1-800-342-3715, extension 3-7581.

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