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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

**FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA
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**RE: STUCK CASES REFERRAL PROCEDURES FOR LONG -TERM CARE
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS**

PROGRAM AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICES: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY: Last year, House Bill 1482 and Senate Bill 682 (Medical Assistance Long-Term Care Eligibility Consolidation Plan), required the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) in consultation with LifeSpan and the Health Facilities Association of Maryland to develop a plan to integrate the functions necessary for the determination of long-term care eligibility. The Long-Term Care Consolidation Plan presented to the Health and Government Operations Committee included establishing a long-term care (LTC) centralized unit that would determine long-term care eligibility for Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Prince George’s Counties, provide legal and financial guidance to all jurisdictions, and house a statewide special functions division to handle specialized case management functions. The plan also provided for two of these specialized functions:

- 1) centralizing the 257/501 process for long-term care stays for less than 30 days or Medicare Co-Pay Days; and,
- 2) the review of long-term care cases with outstanding issues, or **Stuck Cases** to be implemented prior to the formalization of the centralized LTC unit.

This transmittal defines the Stuck Cases Referral Process.

ACTION REQUIRED: Effective **April 1, 2009**, DHR has assigned a staff person in the Family Investment Administration’s (FIA) Office of Operations to serve as the liaison between nursing home providers and local departments to process requests for review of Stuck Cases. The Stuck Cases Referral Process is a review of cases submitted by nursing home providers where an outstanding eligibility decision exists on an application or redetermination for long-term care (LTC) Medical Assistance. These cases are considered “**Stuck Cases**.”

A Stuck Case is defined as:

- A Medical Assistance long-term care application or redetermination received in the local department of social services; **AND**
- All required and/or available supporting documentation listed on the Request for Information To Verify Eligibility (DHR/FIA 1052) and/or the Maryland Medicaid Eligibility Manual were provided; **AND**
- 30 days has passed since the last required documentation was presented to the local department; **AND**
- The nursing home provider contacted the case worker, supervisor and manager regarding the lack of a decision on the case, **AND**
- The nursing home provider e-mailed the assistant director (Attachment B) and pbailey@dhr.state.md.us regarding the lack of a decision on the case.

Nursing Home Provider Responsibilities

- A. When a decision on a long-term care application or redetermination has not been received, the nursing home provider:
 1. Determines whether the case meets the Stuck Case criteria; and
 2. Completes and faxes the Request for Review of Stuck Case form to the Office of Operations for review.
- B. When a denial is for lack of information and the information was provided or is determined unobtainable, **AND** a Good Faith Effort/Reasonable Certainty request was made in writing, **AND** a long-term care eligibility decision was not received within 30 days, **AND** the local department has been contacted at all levels, submit the Request for Review of Stuck Case form (Attachment A).
- C. When a decision has been received, either an approval or denial for any reason other than B above, it is **not** considered a **STUCK CASE** and will not be reviewed.
- D. Normal appeal procedures must be followed if it is believed the case was denied in error.

FIA Responsibilities

Upon receipt of the “Stuck Case” form, the Office of Operations will:

- Determine if the case meets the Stuck Case definition;
- Return to the provider cases **not** meeting the Stuck Case definition; and
- Send a memorandum from FIA’s Executive Director with the Request for Review of Stuck Case form to the local director requesting the local department determine eligibility within 10 days from the date of the memorandum.

INQUIRIES: Direct operational questions to Pat Bailey at 410-767-8907 or via e-mail at pbailey@dhr.state.md.us.

CC: DHMH Management Staff DHR Help Desk
FIA Management Staff Constituent Services
DHR Executive Staff

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF "STUCK CASE"
Fax to DHR FIA – Disability Services Operations at (410) 333-6699

Date of Request _____

Requestors Name and Facility _____

Contact Number/Email Address _____

Customer Name _____

Client ID _____

Application Date _____

Individuals Contacted For Resolution of Concern/Issue

LDSS _____

Case Manager's Name _____ Date Contacted _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Date Contacted _____

Manager's Name _____ Date Contacted _____

Assistant Director's Name _____ Date Emailed _____

Type of "Stuck Case"

- Pending
- Reactivation (provide copy of receipt with the date the information was submitted)
- Reconsideration

Please attach any additional documentation.

Brief Description of Concern/Issue _____

(For Department use only)

Action to Be Taken

Signature/Title

Date

STUCK CASES CONTACT LIST

LOCAL DEPARTMENT	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/DESIGNEE
Allegany County DSS One Frederick Street Cumberland, Maryland 21502-1420	William Walker Phone (301) 784-7022 Fax (301) 784-7244 E-mail: bwalker@dhr.state.md.us
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