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FROM: KATHERINE L. COOK, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IMA

RE: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DECISION DATES ("C" CODES)

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: AFDC, AFDC-UP, and MA

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY ADMINISTRATION

BACKGROUND:

Whenever action is taken to cancel an AFDC case, action must also
be taken on medical assistance. If the ineligible AFDC case is
also determined to no longer be eligible for medical assistance,
the medical assistance coverage is canceled by entering a "C" in
the AIMS field MA DECISION. AFDC cases that are canceled, but
still eligible for medical assistance include cases entitled to
the AFDC/MA extension, cases that require a NPA/MA
redetermination, and cases that have moved to a new jurisdiction
and are entitled to have medical assistance benefits continued
until a redetermination has been done. These cases have the
medical assistance coverage continued by entering a "N" in the
AIMS field MA DECISION. Cases coded with a "N" require an 8000
form to close or change the category of medical assistance as
part of the redetermination process.

If an AFDC case is closed and it is necessary to rescind the
closing, an 8000 is required to reopen the medical assistance, if
the closing is rescinded after the date that DHMH has been
notified through the automated process. The date that DHMH is
notified is the "IC" Tape Cut-off Date. This Action Transmittal
lists the "C" Tape dates for 1996.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Any AFDC case closed with a MA DECISION code of "C" that is
rescinded by close of business on the dates listed, will not have
the medical assistance coverage canceled and no further action
will be required. However, if the AFDC case closing is rescinded
after these dates, an 8000 form is required to reactivate the
medical assistance coverage.

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The cut-off dates in 1996 are:

January 23, 1996
February 21, 1996
March 21, 1996
April 22, 1996
May 22, 1996
June 20, 1996
July 23, 1996
August 22, 1996
September 20, 1996
October 23, 1996
November 19, 1996
December 20, 1996

CARES automatically processes these changes.

**ACTION DATE:**

January 1, 1996.

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