

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION 1 W. Saratoga Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201	<b>IMA ACTION TRANSMITTAL</b>  EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1996
ISSUANCE DATE: December 15, 1995	CONTROL NUMBER: IMA OPA #96-25

**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR INCOME MAINTENANCE  
INCOME MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS**

**FROM: *Katherine L. Cook*  
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and it is necessary to rescind the closing, an 8000 is required to **reopen** the medical assistance, if the closing is rescinded after the date that DHMH has been notified through the automated process.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 "C" 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Any AFDC case closed with a **MA DECISION** code of "C" that is rescinded by close of business on the dates listed, will not have the medical assistance coverage canceled and no further action will be required. However, if the AFDC case closing is rescinded after these dates, an 8000 form is required to reactivate the medical assistance coverage.

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.

Please direct any questions to Annette Smith at (410) 767-7475.

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