



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to set the final deliverable required from each county department of human/social services (county) for the Continuous Coverage (Continuous Eligibility) Performance Incentive as part of the FY 2021-22 County Incentives Program. The Performance Incentive was updated due to the federal government extending the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) past the end of state fiscal year 2021-22. The Incentive continues to be weighted at 20 percent of total County Incentives funding.

Background:

At the beginning of the 2021-22 fiscal year, the Continuous Coverage (Continuous Eligibility) Performance Incentive was implemented with an understanding that members would not be disenrolled due to changes in circumstances until the federal government terminated the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). However,

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra has formally extended the Public Health Emergency (PHE); the extension started April 16, 2022, and if extended a full 90 days, runs through July 15, 2022. This means that Medical Assistance members will continue to be "locked in" to coverage past FY 2021-22. Therefore, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) has updated the requirements of the Continuous Coverage (Continuous Eligibility) Performance Incentive to reflect the extension of the PHE and the required deliverable necessary to earn the Continuous Coverage (Continuous Eligibility) Performance Incentive Payment at the end of the state fiscal year.

Information/Procedures:

Each county was required to submit an updated PHE Staffing Plan to the Department by March 15, 2022. If PHE Staffing Plan was submitted by the due date, the Department has determined the county to have complied with the Continuous Coverage Incentive requirement and issue the Incentive Payment to each county with an updated PHE Staffing Plan on file. The final Status Report, sent in July 2022, will be shared with Directors and Secondary Directors through existing processes and will document whether the county submitted the PHE Staffing Plan and earned the Incentive Payment.

Contract Language

Contract Language for the Continuous Eligibility Performance Incentive found in the FY2021-22 County Incentives [Contract](#) in section 4.5 is hereby updated and compliance with the Continuous Coverage (Continuous Eligibility) Performance Incentive will be determined utilizing the guidance issued in this Operational Memo.

COVID-related Guidance

Guidance related to the PHE can be found on the Department's [County COVID Resources](#) webpage.

Attachment(s):

None

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