

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNIFORM POLICY MANUAL

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POLICY TRANSMITTAL NO.: UP-10-06

<u>SUBJECT:</u> Application Process for Certain Individuals Released from Mental Disease or Correctional Facilities

In April 2009, Adult Services issued Policy Transmittal 09-06. This transmittal provided revised policy and procedures regarding the application process for certain individuals who request benefits from the department upon release from mental disease or correctional facilities.

In addition to the changes contained in Policy Transmittal 09-06, there was an additional change to UPM 3015.10 that was erroneously omitted from the regulations submitted to, and approved by, the Legislative Regulation Review Committee (LRRC).

The LRRC subsequently approved the change to UPM 3015.10. This regulation is effective as of November 9, 2009, the date it was filed with the Secretary of State.

The revised policy in UPM 3015.10 supports suspension of Medicaid assistance for up to 24 months when recipients become institutionalized in mental disease or correctional facilities. Adult Services has submitted an EMS work request that will support Medicaid suspensions at some point in the future. Since EMS does not currently support suspensions of Medicaid benefits, please continue to follow the procedures issued with Policy Transmittal 09-06.

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Chapter: Program: AABD MA

Subject: Institutional Requirements

- 3015.05 A. 2. b. <u>Eligible Institutionalized Residents</u> (continued)
 - (3) between ages 21 and 22 only if services were received on the 21st birthday and continue to be received after the 21st birthday. The institutional status requirement continues to be met until the earliest of the following:
 - (a) the date services end; or
 - (b) the 22nd birthday.
 - B. Ineligible Institutionalized Residents

Residents of the following institutions are not eligible for AABD:

- 1. correctional facilities, unless residing there voluntarily;
- 2. tuberculosis facilities, except as noted above in 3015.05 A.2.;
- 3. mental disease facilities, except as noted above in 3015.05 A.2.;
- 4. other public institutions not specifically referred to above if the resident is confined involuntarily.
- 5. Residents of these institutions are also not eligible for MA, except as noted below in 3015.05 C.
- C. <u>Limited Durational MA Eligibility of Otherwise Ineligible Institutionalized</u> <u>Residents - Suspension of Eligibility</u>

For a period of twenty-four months following the month of admission, residents of institutions noted above in 3015.05 B. meet the institutional requirement for MA for the following purposes:

- 1. to qualify for the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy;
- 2. to the extent permitted by federal law, for administrative costs related to the resident's care.

Residents eligible under this subsection are not eligible for payment of medical services, except for inpatient or convalescent care during a period of conditional release. (Cross-reference 3015.10 B.) Eligibility for payment of services is suspended for the twenty-four month period. Upon expiration of the twenty-four month durational eligibility period residents of these institutions are totally ineligible for MA.

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- 3015.10 A. A change in institutional status during the month which affects eligibility is not implemented until the end of the month provided eligibility existed on the first of the month.
 - B. An individual on conditional release or convalescent leave from an institution for mental diseases is not considered a patient during the period of release provided absence is for at least 24 hours.
 - C. An individual age 21 or over, but under age 22, who is eligible based on the receipt of psychiatric services prior to age 21:
 - 1. continues to be eligible during a period of conditional release or convalescent leave from an institution for mental diseases;
 - 2. becomes ineligible on the earlier of the following:
 - a. age 22; or
 - b. unconditional release from the institution.
 - An institutionalized individual who qualifies for MA limited durational eligibility (Cross-reference 3015.05 C.)
 - 1. has eligibility for payment of medical services suspended beginning the month following the month of institutionalization, for a maximum period of twenty-four months, and
 - 2. if released from the public institution within the twenty-four month period, eligibility for payment of medical services is reinstated without a reapplication beginning the month of release, or
 - 3. if not released from the public institution by the end of the twenty-four month period, eligibility is discontinued.