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**CARES Bulletin**

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**RE: ELIGIBILITY SPAN FOR X02 COVERAGE GROUP**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS**

**SUMMARY:**

Currently, CARES sets the Medical Assistance category X02 (Emergency Medical Services for Ineligible Aliens) certification period for 2 months with no scheduled redetermination. The case manager must manually recertify the customer for another certification period if medical eligibility is approved by DHMH for longer than 2 months.

To eliminate the need of establishing eligibility on CARES every 2 months, effective August 27, 2007, CARES will be modified to set a 12 month X02 certification period. The certification period will start in the application month and will end 12 months later, even if the application month is denied. The Case Manager can then modify the redetermination end date to the correct date approved by DHMH without having to create a new AU.

**CARES PROCEDURES:**

When an X02 MA AU is finalized, CARES will automatically:

- Set the **Redet End Date** on the **MAFI** screen for 12 months from the **STAT** screen **Appl Date**, even if the application month is denied, and
- On the **MAFI** screen, pre-fill a **Y** in the **Notice Override** field to prevent the generation of a CARES approval notice.

The Case Manager must:

- Continue to send a manual notice of eligibility, and
- Update the **Redet End Date** on the **MAFI** screen accurately, according to the last month of medical emergency disability approved by DHMH.

**INQUIRIES:**

Please direct MA Policy questions to Debbie Simon at 410-238-1363. Direct CARES questions to Joyce Westbrook at 410-238-1299.

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