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MEMORANDUM

To: Nursing Facility Administrators

From: Marlana R. Hutchinson, Director
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

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Subject: Redetermination Extension

Date: September 17, 2020

Note: Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) requested and received additional approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Maryland Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to extend the deadline for renewal of Medicaid cases in Maryland, including Long-Term Care (LTC) Medicaid cases.

Redetermination and renewal deadlines set for March 31, April 30, May 31, June 30, July 31, August 31, September 30, October 31, and November 30, 2020 have been extended to December 31, 2020. Cases that are due to close on those dates have been extended to December 31st.

The purpose of this extension is to acknowledge the many challenges that families, facilities and their government partners are facing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Decisions about possible extensions for future months' redeterminations will be made at a later date.

In addition, there are only four reasons why an LTC case will close during the national emergency: death, voluntary closure, a move out of state, and a move out of an LTC facility but into Community MA.

Keep in mind that with the extension, we encourage families, facilities and representatives of participants to complete their renewals as close to the scheduled redetermination date as possible if they are able. The sooner the renewal is completed, the sooner the staff can update the case. This extension gives more time but **does not extend past December 31, 2020.**

The Family Investment Administration (FIA) within the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the MD THINK leadership team are aware of this extension and are making necessary system adjustments, as well as communicating this change to the case managers and Local Departments of Social Services.

We encourage LTC facilities to use the LTC E&E system to ensure timely filing. Go to <https://mymdthink.maryland.gov>. If this is your first time using the MD THINK Consumer Portal, click on the Help drop down button and open the *How To Register* instructions. Additional information is available in the Help drop down and More info buttons.

MDH will keep you informed of any future updates and changes. Thank you for your actions to date to combat and contain the pandemic.

cc: DHS/FIA leadership
MDH leadership