



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: Nursing Facility Administrators

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

Debbie Ruppert, Executive Director
Office of Eligibility Services

Subject: Redetermination Extension until December 31, 2021

Date: July 29, 2021

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, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 31, 2020, June 30, 2020, July 31, 2020, August 31, 2020, September 30, 2020, October 31, 2020, November 30, 2020, December 31, 2020, January 31, 2021, February 28, 2021, March 31, 2021, April 30, 2021, May 31, 2021, June 30, 2021, July 31, 2021, August 31, 2021, September 30, 2021, October 31, 2021, and November 30, 2021 have been extended to December 31, 2021. Cases that were or are due to close on the dates listed above have been extended to December 31st as well. (Please note: there are only seven reasons why an LTC case will close during the national public health emergency: death, voluntary closure, a move out of state, a finding of fraud or agency-caused error, a transfer to another Medicaid coverage group with the same or higher level and scope of benefits, enrollment in the Medicare Savings Program, and a move out of an LTC facility but into Community Medical Assistance.)

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.

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, 2021.**

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 in the Eligibility & Enrollment (E&E) system, as well as communicating this change to the case managers in the 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