



MARYLAND Department of Health

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Maryland Medical Assistance Program Nursing Home Memorandum

To: Nursing Home Administrators

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

Subject: Redetermination Extension

Date: March 19, 2020

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) requested and received approval 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 all Medicaid cases in Maryland, including Long-Term Care (LTC) Medicaid cases.

Redetermination deadlines set for March 31, 2020 are extended one month to April 30, 2020. This means cases that are due to close March 31st will be extended to April 30th.

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

Please note: The extension does not provide additional time for applications awaiting documentation or reaching the end of the six-month consideration period, Medicaid participants who have reported a change in circumstances, and/or those who are no longer eligible (e.g., income overscale, moved out of state, increase in resources, etc.). If this changes, MDH will apprise you in another communication.

Keep in mind that with the extension, we encourage families, facilities and representatives of participants to complete their renewals **as soon as possible**. This extension gives more time but **does not extend past April 30, 2020**.

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