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Medi-Cal Program Guide Special Notice

Subject:

Health Care Reform (HCR) Medi-Cal – AR Appointment Period

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Issue Date:

January 20, 2015

Effective Date:

January 1, 2014

Background:

Prior to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation, the Authorized Representative (AR) authorization expired one year from the date signed unless the applicant/beneficiary revoked the authorization any time prior to that. With ACA implementation, new AR legislation was enacted and the duration of the AR authorization has changed.

Policy:

The appointment of the AR by the Medi-Cal applicant or beneficiary is in effect until any of the following occurs:

- The applicant or beneficiary cancels or modifies the authorization;
- A new AR is appointed;
- The AR informs the County that he or she is no longer acting in that capacity, or
- There is a change in the legal authority upon which the authority was based.

Procedure:

- If the authorization is set to expire **on or after January 1, 2014**, staff shall consider the authorization to be unexpired and must continue to recognize and accept the AR unless any of the changes (described under the “Policy” above) occurs.
- If the AR expired **prior to January 1, 2014**, then staff must request an updated AR authorization.

Note: AR appointment continues if the case is reopened.

Impact/s:

No Impact.

Program Affected:

Medi-Cal

References:

[MEDIL 14-57](#)

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 01/20/1016.

Approval for Release:



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