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REMOVAL OF SANCTION STATUS AT THE POINT OF REFERRAL TO WECARE

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<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to announce that when a Cash Assistance (CA) participant is serving a non-durational sanction, or the sanction period has ended, and the participant is willing to comply with employment requirements but claims a physical or mental health barrier to employment, a referral must be made to the Wellness, Comprehensive Assessment, Rehabilitation and Employment program (WeCARE) for a medical evaluation and the sanction lifted at the point of referral.</p> <p>The participant does not have to demonstrate compliance (i.e., keep the WeCARE appointment) prior to the lifting of the sanction. The Worker should ensure that all monies are restored from the date that the Agency was informed of the participant's willingness to comply. For example, if a participant indicates on Monday, November 17 that he/she is willing to comply, benefits must be provided retroactive to Monday, November 17, even if the WeCARE appointment is not scheduled until November 25.</p> <p>If a legally-responsible relative (LRR) participant fails to report to or comply with the WeCARE medical evaluation appointment <u>without good cause</u>, his/her entire CA case should be closed using closing code W11, Failure to Keep Appointment for Medical Assessment. If the non-compliant individual is a non-legally-responsible relative (Non-LRR), his/her individual line must be closed using individual closing code W12, Failure to Keep Appointment for DSS Medical Assessment (Non-LRR).</p>

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