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DEFERRAL PROCESS WHEN SCHEDULING MEDICAL ASSESSMENT APPOINTMENTS

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This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.	The purpose of this policy bulletin is to advise staff at Job Centers that effective May 20, 2005 HS Systems (HSS) will no longer be available for medical assessments. Applicants/participants claiming a medical and/or mental health barrier must now be referred to Wellness, Comprehensive Assessment, Rehabilitation and Employment (WeCARE) for a medical evaluation. As a result of this change, a deferral process has been established for when there are no available WeCARE appointment slots.
No WeCARE appointment slots Deferral Process New Worklist	Job Centers must continue to make medical appointments for applicants and participants claiming medical and/or mental health barriers through the Employability Plan (EP). If there are no WeCARE appointment slots available, the system will post Action Code 96WM (Awaiting WeCARE Medical Referral) (applicants) or 16WM (Awaiting WeCARE Medical Referral) (participants). This will place the case on the WCPMD worklist.
Engagement activities are not mandated during this period.	The JOS/Worker must advise the applicant/participant that s/he will be called in at a later date for a medical evaluation. No other engagement activities are required.
Refer all Brad H. class members to WeCARE.	When referring a Brad H. applicant or participant for a medical assessment through the EP, Action Code 938W (Brad H. Applicant Referral to Medical Assessment) or 138W (Brad H. Participant Referral to Medical Assessment) will post in NYCWAY and the Brad H. applicant/participant will be referred to a specific WeCARE location for the assessment. The system will prompt the JOS/Worker to schedule a return appointment to the Job Center and will post Action Code 968R (WeCARE Applicant Center Return) instead of Action Code 910H (Applicant Center Return from HSS).
	Effective Immediately