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REMOVAL OF SANCTION STATUS AT THE POINT OF REFERRAL TO WECARE

<p>Date: June 2, 2010</p>	<p>Subtopic(s): WeCARE</p>
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>Revised</p> <p>Refer to PD #10-21-OPE for the Center 71 process.</p>	<p>Revision to the Original Policy Bulletin:</p> <p>This policy bulletin is being revised to clarify the policy for sanctioned participants not being serviced at the Intensive Services Center (71). The policy for sanctioned participants serviced by Center 71 is published under a separate directive.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to announce that ,<u>except</u> for Cash Assistance (CA) participants at Center 71, when a CA participant, with a nondurational or expired sanction states that he/she 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 must be lifted at the point of referral.</p> <p>Participants at Job Centers <u>other than Center 71</u> do not have to demonstrate compliance (i.e., keep the WeCARE appointment) prior to the lifting of the sanction. The JOS/Worker must ensure that all monies are restored retroactively from the date that the Agency was informed of the participant’s willingness to comply.</p>

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For example, if a participant with a nondurational or expired sanction serviced by a Job Center other than Center 71 indicates on Monday, November 19 that he/she is willing to comply but has a medical barrier to employment, benefits must be provided retroactive to Monday, November 19, even if the WeCARE appointment is not scheduled until November 29th.

If a legally-responsible relative (LRR) sanctioned participant fails to report to or comply with the WeCARE medical evaluation appointment without good cause, his/her entire CA case should be closed using closing code **W11**, Failure to Keep Appointment for Medical Assessment. If the non-compliant sanctioned 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).

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