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SUBJECT: Computer Matching Clarification for Medicaid

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Computer Match Chart

FILING REFERENCES

| Previous Ref. ADMs/INFs | Releases Cancelled | Dept. Regs. | Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref. | Manual Ref. | Misc. |
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| 06-INF-10 | | 351 | | | |
| 05-ADM-06 | | 360-2.3 | | | |
| 04-INF-20 | | | | | |
| 04-INF-10 | | | | | |
| 88 INF-14 | | | | | |

I. Purpose

The purpose of this release is to clarify the action that a local district can take on a Medicaid case upon receipt of a computer match.

II. Background

Actions that a local district must take on a Temporary Assistance case and a Food Stamp (FS) case, upon receipt of a computer match, have been clarified in 04 INF-20 and 04 INF-10 respectively. This INF clarifies the actions that can be taken on a Medicaid case.

III. Program Implications

In order for a local district to use information from a computer match, without any further verification, the information must be "verified upon receipt".

"Verified upon receipt" means that the information:

- Is not questionable
- Is timely
- Is coming from a primary source.

When a computer match comes from a primary source such as the Department of Labor (Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB)), Social Security Administration (RSDI or SSI), etc., there is no need for the district to independently verify the information provided through the match as long as the data is current (within 60 days of date of case action) and the district has no reason to believe that the information from the match is not valid. No further verification by the district is required for primary documentation which is verified upon receipt.

When a computer match involves a secondary source, the case record should be reviewed to determine if the information is already documented. When the information is not documented in the case record, the district needs to verify the accuracy of the information with the client or the primary source, before initiating any case action.

If an applicant/recipient requests a fair hearing as the result of the local district taking an adverse action and that action is based on a "verified upon receipt match", the local district should produce this INF and the printout of the match at the fair hearing. The burden of proof is on the applicant/recipient to produce appropriate documentation to refute the match information, since the match is verified upon receipt.

Attached is a chart listing computer matches provided to local districts. The chart instructs local districts to further verify the information provided by the match or to accept the match without further verification when the information is considered verified upon receipt.

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| Match | Data Provided From | Information Provided To Local District | Medicaid Action |
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| SDX | State Data Exchange | Applicants/Recipients in receipt of SSI. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt; eligibility is determined based on the SDX. |
| BENDEX | Social Security Beneficiary Data Exchange | Applicants/Recipients in receipt of RSDI. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt; eligibility is determined based on the BENDEX. |
| PARIS | Public Assistance Reporting Information System | Recipients in receipt of benefits in another state/duplicate assistance. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt. If an A/R is in receipt of Medicaid in another state, the A/R is sent a denial/closing letter. Any Medicaid incorrectly paid may be pursued. Medicaid does not honor TA sanctions for this reason. Medicaid will deny or close cases currently active in another state. TA closing codes are: Upstate and NYC- N66. TA denial codes are: Upstate and NYC- N66. Medicaid-only closing codes are: Upstate- U78; NYC- N66. Medicaid denial codes are: Upstate- U79 and U84; NYC-N66. |
| Fleeing Felon | NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Massachusetts State Police | Recipients who are felons fleeing from prosecution within NYS; also includes violators of probation and parole. Same as above, except fleeing from prosecution within Massachusetts; also includes violators of probation and parole. | The Fleeing Felon match does not apply to Medicaid. Medicaid does not honor TA sanctions for this reason. TA closing codes are: Upstate and NYC- F35. TA denial codes are: Upstate and NYC- F35. |
| NCIC | National Crime Information Center/ FBI Fleeing Felon | Recipients who are felons fleeing from prosecution nationwide; also includes violators of probation and parole. | The NCIC match does not apply to Medicaid. Medicaid does not honor TA sanctions for this reason. TA closing code is: Upstate and NYC- F35 |
| Prison | NYS Department of Correctional Services and Division of Criminal Justice Services | Recipients who are incarcerated in state, county or city jails. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt; if an A/R is incarcerated, the A/R is sent a denial/closing letter. TA closing code is: Upstate and NYC- F63 Medicaid-only closing codes are: Upstate- E79; NYC- F63. |
| UIB | NYS Department of Labor | Recipients who are receiving Unemployment Insurance Benefits. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt; eligibility is determined based on the UIB match. |
| Lottery | NYS Division of Lottery | Recipients who win the lottery. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt; the A/R must be contacted to redetermine eligibility. |
| FIRM | Financial Institution Recipient Match does not report on all banks. Most banks operating in more than one state are not part of the FIRM match. | Recipients who have a resource test. | When FIRM information is current, eligibility is determined based on FIRM. If FIRM is not current and differs from what the recipient declared, the district asks the recipient to document current bank information that would affect eligibility. |
| WRS | Wage Reporting System from NYS Tax and Finance | Applicants/Recipients in receipt of past wages; local districts must still verify employment. | A/Rs must document current employment. Inconsistent or contradictory information needs to be clarified. Any previously unreported employment during periods of eligibility must be investigated. |

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| SDNH | State Directory of New Hires from NYS Tax and Finance | Applicants/Recipients who have completed a W-4 "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate"; local districts must still verify employment. | A/Rs must document current employment. Inconsistent or contradictory information needs to be clarified. |
| OMIG - Third Party Contractor (Currently PCG) | Third party Contractor Public Consulting Group – To identify third party insurance coverage, the State contractor routinely processes matches with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Medicare information and commercial insurance carriers for commercial information. | Identification of recipients with potential third party payors (Commercial and/or Medicare) The information is available to the LDSS via Mobius. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt; unknown third party information identified by the contractor is used to update the eMedNY third party file. |
| SDX for BUY-IN | An electronic extract of the State Data Exchange Input file is used to create a Buy-In record for eligible recipients. | Identifies Buy-In eligibility for SSI clients. The information is available to the LDSS via Mobius. | Primary Documentation/Verified Upon Receipt; the system adds the SSI individual to the Buy-In as a QMB. |