

Action Request Transmittal

Children, Adults and Families Office of Medical Assistance Programs

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Number: OMAP-AR-05-004
Issue Date: 11/23/05

Topic: Medical Benefits

Effective Date: 11/23/05

Subject: Hurricane Katrina evacuees to be enrolled in managed care for December

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
Area Agencies on Aging
Children, Adults and Families
County DD Program Managers
County Mental Health Directors
Health Services
Seniors and People with Disabilities
Other (please specify): DHS staff and others identified on the SPD, CAF, OMHAS and OMAP transmittal lists

Action Required: The department originally instructed workers not to enroll Hurricane Katrina evacuees into managed care. OMAP made a business decision to reverse that directive, effective for December 2005 enrollment.

The system will override any Katrina "OTH" exemption codes and auto-enroll affected evacuees into a prepaid health plan in mandatory areas on Friday, Nov. 25, 2005. Their plan assignments will appear on their December OMAP Medical IDs.

If your clients are coded "OTH" and should go into managed care, you need do nothing.

However, workers can manually enroll any eligible Hurricane Katrina evacuees into a prepaid health plan (PHP) before the auto-enroll if clients have a preference of PHP. If clients have a valid exemption (e.g., tribal members, continuity of care, third trimester of pregnancy), use any valid code besides "OTH" to designate the exemption from managed care.

Reason for Action: OMAP business decision

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

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