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SUBJECT: Postal Holiday Effect on the Client Notice System and the Addition of the Suppression Code for PA Denials

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POSTAL HOLIDAY

THE WMS/CNS COORDINATOR LETTER DATED 6/2/95 DETAILS THE ACTION REQUIRED ON THE WMS AUTHORIZATION PERIOD "TO" DATE TO ALLOW FOR POSTAL HOLIDAYS IN THE MAILING OF CLIENT NOTICES.

SINCE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY OCCUR ON WEDNESDAY, THIS IS TO REMIND DISTRICTS OF THE MAILING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLIENT NOTICE SYSTEM WHEN THE POSTAL HOLIDAY FALLS ON A TUESDAY - FRIDAY:

WMS EDITS REQUIRE THAT THE AUTHORIZATION "TO" DATE MUST BE:
GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO TODAY'S DATE + 11 DAYS (TIMELY)
GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO TODAY'S DATE + 2 DAYS (ADEQUATE)

AS A REMINDER: IF THE POSTAL HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY,
EDITS REQUIRE THE AUTHORIZATION DATE MUST BE:
GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO TODAY'S DATE + 12 DAYS (TIMELY)
GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO TODAY'S DATE + 3 DAYS (ADEQUATE)

MA WORKERS MUST ALSO BE AWARE THAT THEY MUST MANUALLY EXTEND THE MA COVERAGE "TO" DATE TO MEET THE SAME REQUIREMENTS TO INSURE THAT PROPER COVERAGE IS GENERATED ON THE CLIENT NOTICE.

PLEASE REFER TO THE WMS/CNS COORDINATOR LETTER DATED 6/2/95 AND/OR SECTION E PAGE 97 OF THE SYSTEMS REFERENCE MANUAL (SRM) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

SUPPRESSION CODE FOR PA DENIALS

SUPPRESSION CODE 195 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR USE WITH PA DENIAL REASON CODES V21, V23, V24 AND V25 (FAILURE TO VERIFY). ENTRY OF THIS CODE IN THE **REAS CODE** FIELD OF THE **MA EXTENSION** SECTION ON SCREEN 1 OF WMS WILL CAUSE MA INSERT REASON CODE 754 (MA DENIED FOR SAME REASON AS PA) TO BE GENERATED. THIS CODE SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHEN THE LDSS HAS DETERMINED THAT MA SHOULD BE DENIED FOR THE SAME REASON AS THE PA IS BEING DENIED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REFER TO THE "DEAR WMS AND CNS COORDINATOR LETTER" DATED OCTOBER 17, 1996.