



LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 29, 2025

Division: Eligibility and Marketplace
Integration

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Individuals – Termination of Paper Screening

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of the Local Commissioner Memorandum (LCM) is to inform local departments of social services (LDSS) and the Human Resources Administration (HRA) of an upcoming change to the process for Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Individuals.

PE for Pregnant Individuals is being implemented in the Medicaid Eligibility Client Management (MECM) system. This is a result of the Department's continued takeover of eligibility determinations for additional populations and the need to limit the number of new eligibility determinations processed in the Welfare Management System (WMS).

Providers may no longer use the DOH-5224 - Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Individuals Screening form as of January 1, 2026. Districts are instructed to not process any PE screening forms received with PE coverage beginning January 1, 2026 or later.

Providers are instructed to assist consumers seeking PE for Pregnant Individuals with applications in NY State of Health. Applying in NY State of Health will either provide the consumer with a real-time eligibility determination for full Medicaid coverage or will provide a form of presumptive coverage during the time the consumer has to provide documentation of eligibility factors, if documentation is required.

If a DOH-5224 is received with coverage beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the screening should be forwarded to MAXIMUS, using the following address:

MAXIMUS
PO Box 11725
Albany, NY 12211

Providers were notified of this change via letter to all Article 28 licensed facilities and a Medicaid Update Article. Providers were instructed if a DOH-5224 form for PE coverage is received by a social services district or HRA, beginning on or after January 1, 2026, it will not be processed but will be forwarded to a state contractor (MAXIMUS) who will have to perform outreach to the consumer to start an application in NY State of Health. Providers were notified there is no guarantee of payment for the date of service/date of screening and there is no way for them to receive a billable Client Identification Number (CIN), other than to contact the consumer to complete an application in NY State of Health. Providers have been instructed that to avoid delays in coverage for consumers and the potential for non-payment of services, to not complete PE for Pregnant Individual screenings using the DOH-5224 on or after January 1, 2026, and to assist consumers by applying in NY State of Health.

If you have any questions regarding this LCM, please contact your local district liaison.



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