



LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

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Division: Eligibility and Marketplace
Integration

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Transition of Low-Income Subsidy File Medicare Savings Program Determinations to the Medicaid Eligibility Client Management System

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 a recent change in the process for Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) file Medicare Savings Program (MSP) determinations. The Department receives LIS files from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the files are used to identify individuals who have applied for LIS and may also be eligible for MSP. Federal and State regulations require New York State Medicaid to determine MSP eligibility for individuals who have applied for LIS through SSA without requiring a separate MSP application.

Effective April 1, 2026, LIS file MSP determinations have been implemented in the Medicaid Eligibility Client Management (MECM) system. This change aligns with the Department's continued takeover of eligibility determinations from the Welfare Management System (WMS) and will streamline enrollment into MSP for eligible individuals who have applied for LIS.

As previously communicated to LDSS and HRA via email on April 8, 2026, local districts and HRA are not responsible for processing LIS files with dates of April 1, 2026, or later. LDSS and HRA staff are responsible for processing all LIS files with dates earlier than April 1, 2026, in accordance with their existing LIS file processes.

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

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