

Divestment Project

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Project Overview

Background

- Divestment – the transfer of income and some assets at less than market value as described in the Medicaid Eligibility Handbook (MEH) in Chapter 17.
- Divestment policy applies only to people applying for or receiving Long-term care services.

Background

If the Income Maintenance (IM) worker determines the applicant or member has divested, a Divestment Penalty Period must be calculated to determine how long that person is ineligible for Long-term Care Medicaid services.

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- The divestment penalty period is currently manually calculated by IM workers.
- CARES Call Center staff receive a monthly report that they must process in order to update an applicant or member's divestment penalty period in interChange.

Goals

- Automate the divestment penalty period calculation to accurately determine eligibility for Long Term Care benefits.
- Automate the notices associated with divestment:
 - The duration of the divestment penalty period
 - Undue hardship policy and request form
 - Other Medicaid eligibility not affected by divestment, if applicable

Policy

There are no policy changes for this project.

System Enhancements

CWW Page Enhancements

- Asset Gatepost
- Asset Summary
- Transfer / Divestment of Assets
- Liquid Assets
- Institutions
- Permanent Demographics
- Assets Determination Group Summary
- Confirmed Assistance Group Summary

Other System Enhancements

- Automation of divestment penalty period calculations
- CARES member correspondence related to divestment penalty periods
- Enhancements to ACCESS

Impact Analysis

Expected Impacts

- Lessen the workload of IM workers:
 - Less manual work
 - Fewer phone calls asking questions about notices
- Lessen the workload of the CARES Call Center staff.
- Achieve state-wide consistency in member notification of information on divestment and undue hardship.

Release Readiness

Important Dates

- **July 10:** EBD / LTC Process Support IMAC subcommittee
- **July 21:** Target publish date for the operations memo
- **July 28:** TAPP - Detailed project walk through/Demo
- **July 28:** Updates to Long Term Care and Advanced Long Term Care training

Questions?

Please direct any questions to the CARES Call Center.