
Long Term Care

Payment for nursing facility services may be backdated for up to 3 months prior to the month of application, provided all of the conditions described above are met for that period.

NOTE: If a Medicaid recipient loses eligibility and does not receive payment for long-term care services for one month, he must reapply and is subject to the current application requirements unless the loss of eligibility or payment was due to a delay or error caused by the department.

EXAMPLE: An individual is a patient in a hospital. The physician recommends nursing facility care to the patient's family and completes a PAS dated 6/5/05. The family is undecided about placing the individual in a nursing facility and takes the patient home to provide care. They do not apply for Medicaid until 8/16/05 which is the date the client enters the nursing facility. Medicaid eligibility is established beginning 8/1/05, but the PAS has expired. A new PAS is not completed until 8/22/05. Medicaid nursing care payments begin 8/22/05.

EXAMPLE: Same situation as above except that the PAS is dated 6/25/05. A new PAS is not required, but nursing facility payments cannot begin until 8/16/05, which is the date he entered the nursing facility.

EXAMPLE: An individual enters a nursing facility on 8/16/05 and the PAS is signed 8/16/05. However, the client does not become Medicaid eligible until 9/1/05 due to excess assets. Payment for nursing facility services begins 9/1/05.

EXAMPLE: An individual enters a nursing facility on 10/10/05 and a PAS is signed on that date. On 11/25/05 his family applies for Medicaid to pay for his nursing care costs. Medicaid eligibility is backdated to 8/1/05 to cover the cost of his recent hospitalization. Payment for nursing facility services begins on 10/10/05.

NOTE: If an individual transfers to a nursing facility in WV, his eligibility must be evaluated as any other applicant.

3. Content Of The Interview

In addition to the requirements in Chapter 1, the Worker must screen the client according to the priorities listed in Section 17.9 and **evaluate certain individuals for the Long-Term-Care Asset Disregard. See Section 17.10.**