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LOC Process Change: Effective April 2018

April 2018





- CMS requires Level of Care (LOC) redeterminations to be completed annually.
- The process previously measured compliance for Level of Care (LOC) redeterminations being completed timely when they were conducted within 365 calendar days of the last LOC.

- TCM agencies requested that the Division review the current process for LOC redeterminations to meet annual requirements.
- In response to the request, annual redetermination has been redefined. Enhancements to the process will link the annual LOC implementation date to the annual ISP implementation date.

- 👤 Effective April 1, 2018 LOC implementation date will be effective with the ISP implementation date.
 - 🏠 LOC redeterminations must be completed within 90 days prior to the ISP implementation date.
 - 🏠 The criteria for **Determination Date** on the LOC screen will remain the same. The date the determination is completed is the date entered.
 - 🏠 Formal assessment criteria of being completed within two years (not to exceed 730 days) of the LOC determination date remains the same.
- 👤 This change will enhance the correlation between the LOC determination and supports identified in the ISP.

Examples:

-  Jun 1 ISP implementation date thus LOC must be completed between Mar 4-Jun 1.
-  Dec 1 ISP implementation date thus LOC must be completed between Sep 3-Dec 1.

Electronic Changes

- 👤 Current reports and automated e-mail notification changes effective April 1 due to revision in LOC redetermination due date process.
 - 👤 Data Central Reports (DCR)
 - 👤 *LOC Determination*
 - 👤 *LOC Due or Exp* reports
 - 👤 Automated LOC emails
 - 👤 Level of Care Coming Due or Overdue
 - 👤 **NO CHANGE:** Level of Care Assessment Coming Due: Formal assessments will continue to be within two years of LOC redetermination.

CIMOR

👤 CIMOR LOC Screen Enhancement

👤 LOC Implementation Date and Comments fields added.

👤 LOC Implementation Date field auto populated with IHP date from CIMOR.

👤 A note in the comment field is required when the LOC Implementation Date field is updated.

Determination Type: Initial Redetermination Significant Change

Determination Date 04/03/2018

Implementation Date Comment:

Implementation Date

Initial LOC Determinations

- 👤 For an Initial LOC determination, the Determination Date and LOC Implementation Date would be the same date.
- 👤 Another LOC redetermination would be completed within 90 days prior to the next ISP implementation date in order to align with the new process.

Transition

- 👤 During this first year of transition, you may need to complete an additional LOC for active waiver and those on the waiver wait list in order to align the LOC implementation date with the ISP implementation date.
 - 👤 Example 1 - ISP imp Nov 1, 2018 and SC completed LOC timely in Jun 2017 (previous process 365 days).
 - 👤 It is the expectation the LOC be completed by Jun 2018 (comply with 365 day process) and another LOC be completed Aug-Oct to align with ISP implementation of Nov 1 (new process).

Transition – Example 2

LOC Last Completed	ISP Effective Date	Next LOC Completed	Next ISP Effective Date	LOC effective date to align with ISP effective date
May 2017	March 1, 2018	May 2018 (previous process)	March 1, 2019	March 1, 2019 - LOC redetermination completed within 90 days prior to the ISP implementation date of 3/1/19. ISP/LOC now have same effective date of 3/1/19.

Compliance Test

- 👤 Compliance Test for Completing Annual LOC Redeterminations During the Transition Year;
 - 👤 Is the formal assessment completed within two years (730 days) of the LOC redetermination date?
 - 👤 Is the LOC redetermination within 90 days prior to the ISP implementation date?
 - 👤 If yes, this is now in alignment with the new process.
 - 👤 If no, the previous LOC within 365 days process will need to be followed and an additional LOC would need to be completed within 90 days prior to the next ISP implementation date.
 - 👤 Example: ISP implements June 1, 2018 and the last LOC was completed May 1, 2017, the LOC redetermination can be completed anytime within 90 days prior to ISP implementation date (Mar 4 – June 1).

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