



## **Policy Directive 2020-09-02**

### **Title: ES-3100.8 MSP Only Application and Prior Medical Coverage**

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**Program(s) impacted: Elderly and Disabled (MSP) Programs**

The purpose of this document is to clarify the policy for determining prior medical coverage when a request for medical assistance is received via the ES-3100.8 Medicare Savings Program Application. The directive is effective upon the release of this document.

The ES-3100.8 Medicare Savings Program Application does not currently include the option for the consumer to request prior medical coverage. This has caused confusion as to whether it is appropriate to authorize prior medical coverage with or without reaching out to the consumer to seek clarification.

Effective with the issuance of this directive, when processing the MSP Only request for medical coverage submitted via the ES-3100.8 Medicare Savings Program Application, and the applicant is otherwise eligible for MSP/LMB or MSP/ELMB in the month of application, it is assumed that the applicant is requesting prior medical coverage. Prior medical coverage may be authorized per Medical KEESM 2672 and 2672.2 for those months, if otherwise eligible.

**NOTE:** This policy directive does not apply to the MSP/QMB program due to the effective date of that coverage being the month after the month of processing. There is no eligibility for medical benefits under the QMB Program prior to this month per Medical KEESM 2671.1. This directive does not affect the QMB Start Date Exceptions as noted in Medical KEESM 2671.1 subsections 1 – 4, as there may be situations where an ES-3100.8 is received and the QMB Exception rules still apply.

This policy does not apply to MIPPA applications. There is no prior medical eligibility available for a consumer who requests MSP coverage via a MIPPA application (See [PM2010-10-01](#)).

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