

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PROGRAM INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PROGRAM: Medicaid Long
 Term Services and Supports

Subject: Transitioning Individuals Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Community HUSKY C to Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

<p>Overview</p>	<p>This bulletin provides new asset review procedures for determining Medicaid LTSS eligibility for individuals receiving SSI and community HUSKY C. These procedures are effective immediately and should be applied to any community HUSKY C or SSI client who requires Medicaid LTSS assistance, i.e. nursing facility or waiver services.</p> <p>Transfers made exclusively for reasons other than to qualify for Medicaid payment of LTSS do not result in penalties. Individuals are not likely to have transferred assets to qualify for LTSS after meeting the asset and income criteria for community HUSKY C or SSI. In addition the Social Security Administration (SSA) conducts a 36 month asset review for SSI applicants and notifies the Department of improper asset transfers. Therefore workers should consider the length of time the individual has been a recipient of community HUSKY C or SSI when reviewing assets for Medicaid LTSS eligibility.</p>
<p>Individuals Receiving SSI</p>	<p>Determine how long the individual has been receiving SSI:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the individual has been a recipient of SSI and 2 years has passed since the date the client applied for SSI, no look back for Medicaid LTSS is required unless you have reason to believe that there was an improper transfer. For example, the application may indicate that the person had lived at their residence for 20 years, or lived at a previous address for a lengthy period, but does not own any property or did not transfer assets. 2. If the individual is a recipient of SSI and 2 years has not passed since the date the client applied for SSI, send the client section N of the W-1LTC and conduct an asset review based on the procedures outlined in PIB 13-03. The asset review should consist of the months before the SSI application so that the total review period including the SSI look-back equals 60 months. Workers should utilize all collateral sources when completing the review.

<p>Individuals Receiving community HUSKY C and other Categories of Medicaid</p>	<p>Determine how long the individual has been receiving community HUSKY C, review the EMS narrative and the case file via ConneCT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the individual has been on community HUSKY C for 5 years or more, close the community HUSKY C and grant the Medicaid LTSS. You do not need to request asset information unless you have reason to believe that there was an improper transfer. For example, the application may indicate that the person had lived at their residence for 20 years, or lived at a previous address for a lengthy period, but does not own any property or did not transfer assets. 2. If the client has not received community HUSKY C for 5 years, send the client section N of the W-1LTC to complete and conduct an asset review based the procedures outlined in PIB 13-03. The asset review should consist of the months prior to receiving community HUSKY C so that the total review period including the time on assistance equals 60 months. Workers should utilize all collateral sources when completing the review. 3. If the client has received other categories of Medicaid that do not have an asset test, send the client section N of the W-1LTC to complete and conduct an asset review based on the procedures outlined in PIB 13-03. The review period including the time on assistance equals 60 months. Workers should utilize all collateral sources when completing the review.
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