.01 Local Office Hearing Request Procedures - Hearing Documentation and Preparation

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FAA staff must complete the following on the day the hearing request is received in the local office:

- Date stamp the hearing request.
- Log the pertinent information on the Hearing Request Record (FA-501).
- Record verbal requests in writing by completing the Hearing Request (FA-100) form.
- Assign the request to a supervisor or designated EI the same day the request is received by using the <u>Free Form Alerts</u>.
- Conduct the conference on the same day the hearing request is received, when the hearing is requested by the appellant verbally in the local office. (See <u>Preparing for the Pre-hearing</u> <u>Conference</u> and <u>Participant Review of Case</u>)

In addition to the above, FAA staff is also required to complete the following:

- Provide the appellant or representative with the phone number and address of any legal services available.
- Upon request, provide the appellant or representative a copy of materials needed to prepare for the hearing, including copies of pertinent documents in the case file(g).
 - NOTE When an appeal is filed by a hospital acting as a representative, FAX the hospital's attorney the following information:
 - AZTECS screen prints of budget calculation
 - Income screen prints
 - Notice screen prints
 - Any documentation in CADO or the CADO Extension Form (CEF) that relates to the eligibility decision that was appealed

- Advise the appellant or representative of the right to request a continuation of benefits.
- Schedule a pre-hearing conference. (See <u>Pre-hearing Scheduling</u>)
- Conduct a pre-hearing conference. (See <u>Conducting the Pre-hearing Conference</u>)
- Authorize and <u>arrange medical exams</u> when required for the CA determination and requested by the Office of Appeals.
- Send the General Medical Evaluation (FA-193) form to the <u>District Medical Consultant</u> or physician, as applicable.
- Forward the completed FA-193 along with any medical reports to the Office of Appeals when it is returned.
- Determine whether an interpreter or alternative form of communication is needed.
- Notify the following of the time, date and place of the fair hearing when they were involved in the action:

Office of Special Investigations

AHCCCS Fraud Prevention Unit (AFPU) in Maricopa and Pima counties only

Jobs case manager for appeals arising from a Jobs sanction

WARNING

DO NOT copy and provide to the appellant or representative, materials that cannot be introduced in the hearing process. (See Conducting Hearings) The information that cannot be introduced in the hearing process include, but are not limited to the following:

- Confidential information received from any source that provides information about the appellant without the appellant's knowledge.
- IRS reports.
- Medical information considered to be psychologically harmful to the appellant or participants in the appellant's budgetary unit as deemed by a physician.