.08 Local Office Hearing Request Procedures - Continuing Benefits

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Continue benefits at the level received immediately before the adverse action when the appellant requests both of the following:

- A hearing within TEN calendar days
- Continuation of benefits

CA EXCEPTION

When the fair hearing is filed timely for a sanction, benefits must be continued, even when the participant has not requested them. End the sanction on DISA and restore CA benefits to 100%. Send the appropriate notice.

When a hearing decision affirms FAA's original determination, see Hearing Decision Affirmed.

WARNING

DO NOT continue benefits in any of the following circumstances:

- The appellant waives the right to continued benefits. Benefits may be continued when it is not clear whether continued benefits were waived.
- The hearing request is the result of a <u>mass change</u> and FAA's fair use of the law is not in question.
- The appellant is requesting continued benefits for a program in which the approval period has ended, such as NA, TPEP, MD, or TMA (not after six months of T1 and not after six months of T2).
- The hearing request is for a denial.
- When a hearing decision is in favor of the FAA action taken on NA.
- Determine whether good cause exists when the hearing request is not received within the TEN calendar day limit and the appellant is requesting continued benefits.