

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Extension of NA Renewals and Mid Approval Contacts

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Program Impact: NA

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has approved a waiver to extend NA renewals due in March, April and May 2020 by six months. This is based on guidance included in Public Law 116-127, HR 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The FNS waiver also suspends the requirement for Mid Approval Contact (MAC) due in March, April and May 2020.

FAA systems is adjusting the NA approval period end date for the effected cases. The NA renewal due date for these cases will be adjusted in AZTECS as follows:

- March 2020 to September 2020
- April 2020 to October 2020
- May 2020 to November 2020

For combination cases, the CA approval period will be aligned with the NA approval period.

FAA Systems is working on suspending the MAC requirement and all notices involved in the MAC process for the effected cases.

No action is needed by staff for the extension of the NA approval periods. Staff must not take any adverse action based on failure to complete a MAC until the benefit month of June 2020.

FAA Systems and FAA Policy are creating a notice that will be mailed to budgetary units impacted by this change. The notice informs the participant their approval period is being extended or their MAC requirement is suspended.

Please contact the FAA Policy Support Team by phone at **(602) 774-5523** or by e-mail at FAAPolicyMgmt@azdes.gov with any questions or concerns regarding this broadcast.

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