



PROVIDER ALERT
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- **Combination of Service Rules:** A Combination of Service Rules clarification is posted on the ValueOptions® Maryland website, <http://maryland.valueoptions.com>, For Providers, Provider Information, under “Clinical/Utilization Management”.
- **Automated Uninsured Eligibility span for consumers whose Medicaid eligibility is retroactively terminated:**

Prior to December 2009, if a consumer's Medicaid eligibility was retroactively terminated, an uninsured span was generated from first day after the Medicaid eligibility termination date through the termination notification date. Example: if a consumer's Medicaid eligibility was terminated effective 8/31/09 and the termination notification date was 9/15/09, an Uninsured Eligibility span would have been generated from 9/1/09 through 9/15/09.

Effective early December 2009, if a consumer's Medicaid eligibility was retroactively terminated, an Uninsured Eligibility span would be generated from the first day after the Medicaid eligibility termination date through 30 days from the termination notification date. Example: If a consumer's Medicaid eligibility was terminated effective 8/31/09 and the termination notification date was 9/15/09, an Uninsured Eligibility span would be generated from 9/1/09 through 10/15/09. Currently, this is a manual process.

Effective 12/18/09 this process will be automated.

When the process is automated, an Uninsured Eligibility span will also be automatically generated for a Medicaid termination date that is not retroactive, but is within 30 days of the notification date. That, is an Uninsured Eligibility span will be generated for 30 days from the termination date. Example: If notification of Termination is received on 1/1/10 that Medicaid Eligibility will terminate on 1/15/10, an Uninsured Eligibility span will be generated from 1/15/10 through 2/15/10.