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The previous version of 20-049 is obsolete. This version is in effect until further notice.

On 03/20/20, a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Economic Stability Administration (ESA) directive was issued stating Medicaid cases must not be closed unless the client requests such closure (verbal or written), death, or the client moves out of state. There is an exception to this directive if a client qualifies for equivalent coverage on another Medicaid type of assistance (TOA).

The referrals to open and close Foster Care Medicaid (MA-FCDW) are sent from MiSACWIS to Bridges in the same file. In order to stop the automatic Foster Care Medicaid closures, automatic openings also had to be stopped effective 03/23/20.

Effective immediately, in order to open Medicaid, a manual referral must be sent. For instructions on manual Medicaid referrals, see the attached "Medicaid in MiSACWIS" job aid, under "FCDW Medicaid does not open in Bridges" on page 2.

This information is also available as a Broadcast Message on the MiSACWIS Message Board.

The manual Medicaid referral is a temporary remedy to open Medicaid. MiSACWIS will resolve with an emergency release which will return Medicaid openings to the automated process.