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## Children's Waiver Eligibility Determination

### Extension of Deadline to Obtain Disability Determinations for Medically Fragile Children's Waiver Members

To: Health Homes Serving Children (HHSC), Health Home Care Managers (HHCMS), and Child and Youth Evaluation Services (C-YES)

Date: October 31, 2023

The deadline to obtain a Social Security Income (SSI) or a State Department of Health Disability Determination for Children's Waiver enrollees in Medically Fragile (MF) and Developmentally Disabled and Medically Fragile (DD/MF) Target Populations has been extended to April 1, 2024.

The Department of Health (DOH) provided [guidance](#) on April 7, 2023, requiring HHCMS/C-YES to obtain an SSI or Disability Determination for all Children's Waiver participants enrolled under the MF or DD/MF Target Populations by November 1, 2023.

HHCMS/C-YES should continue to request SSI or Disability Determinations for members of these two Target Population for HCBS reassessments; however, if the SSI or Disability Determination cannot be obtained timely, this should not delay the annual HCBS Eligibility Determination. In these instances, care manager should utilize the [DOH 5151](#), [DOH 5152](#) (if applicable), and [DOH 5153](#) as documentation to support the HCBS Eligibility Determinations.

Additional information on the requirement to obtain a Disability Determination can be found in the following:

- UPDATE: Changes to the Disability Documentation Process for the 1915c Children's Waiver - [\(PDF\)](#) - July 27, 2023
- Guidance Regarding the Medically Fragile Disability Determination Requirement - [\(Web\)](#) - [\(PDF\)](#) - April 2023<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This document will be updated to reflect an April 1, 2024, deadline for obtaining the Disability Determination