

RULE 5 AND RULE 20 CASE OPENINGS BULLETIN

IMPORTANT CHANGE REVERTING BACK TO FORMER RULE 5 CASE OPENINGS ACTION REQUIRED FOR NOVEMBER R5 CASE OPENINGS

Summary

The new case type (R5) added to defenderData (dData) for Rule 5 case openings on October 28, 2017, is being stricken. The former Rule 5 case opening procedures should be followed. The Rule 5 and Rule 20 case opening rules found in Chapter 18, Part III, Sections E1, and E1(g), pp 18-13 and 18-14 (rev. July 29, 2014) go back into effect.

Background on Changes

At the September 2017 DSAG meeting, DSAG endorsed an Action Item requesting a change in the processing of Rule 5 cases and the creation of a separate R5 case type. DSO agreed and implemented the change effective October 28, 2017. Further study of the issue illustrated problems with implementation of the new rule prior to the next case weights study. Therefore, DSAG reconsidered its position and on November 20, 2017, voted in favor of a new Action Item to revert back to the prior Rule 5 case opening procedures. DSO has contracted for the additional changes in dData, and the former case opening process can now go back into effect. DSAG and DSO agree that this change needs to include November case openings.

Rule 5 Case Opening Procedure

Rule 5 cases should be opened as a CR case listing the appropriate changes, and the Rule 5 check-box should be checked indicating that the case is subject to transfer under Rule 5. This procedure is the same one followed prior to the changes of October 28, 2017. See Chapter 18, Part III, Sections E1, and E1(g), pp 18-13 and 18-14 (rev. July 29, 2014). The guidance bulletin effective October 28, 2017, should be disregarded. Future changes to Rule 5 case openings will be studied in conjunction with the implementation of revised case weights.

Changes Needed for November Cases

November R5 cases will need to be changed to CR cases listing the charges with the Rule 5 check-box checked. These changes can and need to be made before the November JS-50s are filed. If the November JS-50 has already been exported, please contact your budget analyst to have the November PIT cleared so that the JS-50 can be re-exported with the R5 cases changed to the appropriate CR case types. The information will also need to be re-uploaded and re-verified in DSMIS. No changes will need to be made for the R5 cases opened in late October.