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A group hearing can be held for a number of clients under the following circumstances:

- The Division of Medicaid may consolidate the cases and conduct a single group hearing when the only issue involved is one of a single law or Agency policy.
- The clients may request a group hearing when there is one issue of Agency policy common to all of them.

In all group hearings, whether initiated by the Division of Medicaid or by the clients, the policies governing fair hearings must be followed. Each individual client in a group hearing must be permitted to present his own case and be represented by his own lawyer, or to withdraw from the group hearing and have his/her appeal heard individually.

As in individual hearings, the hearing will be conducted on the issue being appealed, and each client is expected to keep his testimony within a reasonable time as a matter of consideration to the other clients involved.