



**DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

Navigator/Certified Application Counselor Statewide Webinar

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DHS Implements Continuous MA Eligibility for Children Under Age 19

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, requires states to provide 12 months of uninterrupted coverage for children under age 19 in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) effective January 1, 2024.
- MN Legislature passed a conforming law in 2023
- Continuous Eligibility Part 2 coming in 2025.
 - 12 months of continuous eligibility to children ages 19 and 20, and continuous eligibility for children through the month of the child's 6th birthday. Effective January 1, 2025, or federal approval, whichever is later

Continuous Eligibility

- A child under age 19 determined eligible for Medical Assistance will remain eligible until annual renewal, regardless of changes in circumstances, unless an exception occurs.
- A child will remain eligible for MA between renewals, regardless of the most common changes in circumstances, including:
 - Parental income fluctuations, overtime, increased hours, wage raises
 - Changes in family size, people moving in or out of the household, marriage and divorce, tax dependent status

Continuous Eligibility, Exceptions

- The child turns age 19.
- The child is no longer a resident of Minnesota.
- A parent or guardian of the child requests a voluntary closure of MA.
- The child is deceased.
- The child was approved for MA based on attested information and outstanding post-eligibility verification was not provided or was provided and results in ineligibility.
- The agency determines that eligibility was granted in error at the most recent determination because of agency error, or fraud by the child or the child's representative.

Continuous Eligibility for Children Enrolled Now

- Children enrolled in MA who are pregnant or who are auto newborns still have continuous eligibility under those MA eligibility categories. These types of continuous eligibility will continue.
- A child under age 19 on Medical Assistance on January 1, 2024, has continuous eligibility until their next annual renewal.
 - Whether the child previously had a renewal during the unwinding doesn't matter. The child has continuous eligibility until their next annual renewal.

Continuous Eligibility Key Messages

- Children under age 19 are still subject to renewals. Families must continue to send in their renewal forms.
- Changes must still be reported between renewals.
 - Changes may affect other family members.
 - Up to date information will help us automatically renew MA eligibility.

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DHS Eliminates the Asset Limit for MA for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD)

- Prior to January 1, 2024, to qualify an adult (21 and older) could not have assets exceeding \$20,000.
- Beginning January 1, 2024, no asset limit for MA-EPD eligibility.

MA-EPD Asset Protections for Transitions to MA-ABD

- Starting January 1, 2024, when an MA-EPD enrollee stops working and is redetermined eligible for MA for persons aged 65 or older, persons who are blind or who have a disability (MA-ABD), the enrollee is eligible for MA-ABD with no asset limit for 12 consecutive months.
- People enrolled in MA-EPD for 24 consecutive months before turning age 65, who become ineligible for MA-EPD for any reason at age 65 or older, and who are redetermined eligible under an MA-ABD basis, are eligible with an asset limit of \$20,000.
- Some former MA-EPD enrollees can get both protections when they transition to MA-ABD.



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Thank you!
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