

Expansion of Continuous MA Eligibility for Children (CEC) 1/1/2025

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- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023
 - 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under 19
 - Effective 1/1/24 and announced in Bulletin [#23-21-27](#)
- 2023 Minnesota Legislative Session
 - Conformed to Consolidated Appropriations Act
 - Also included an expansion, extending 12 months of continuous eligibility for children ages 19 & 20, and for children under age 6
 - Expansion is effective 1/1/25, and was announced in Bulletin [#24-21-11](#)

Continuous Eligibility for Children (CEC)

Policies in the original bulletin continue to apply:

- Continuous eligibility for children with MA and CHIP-funded MA eligibility.
- Continuous eligibility may not end based on changes in circumstances, unless an exception to CEC applies.

Continuous Eligibility for Children (CEC) Expansion

Now includes the expansion and some additional clarifications.

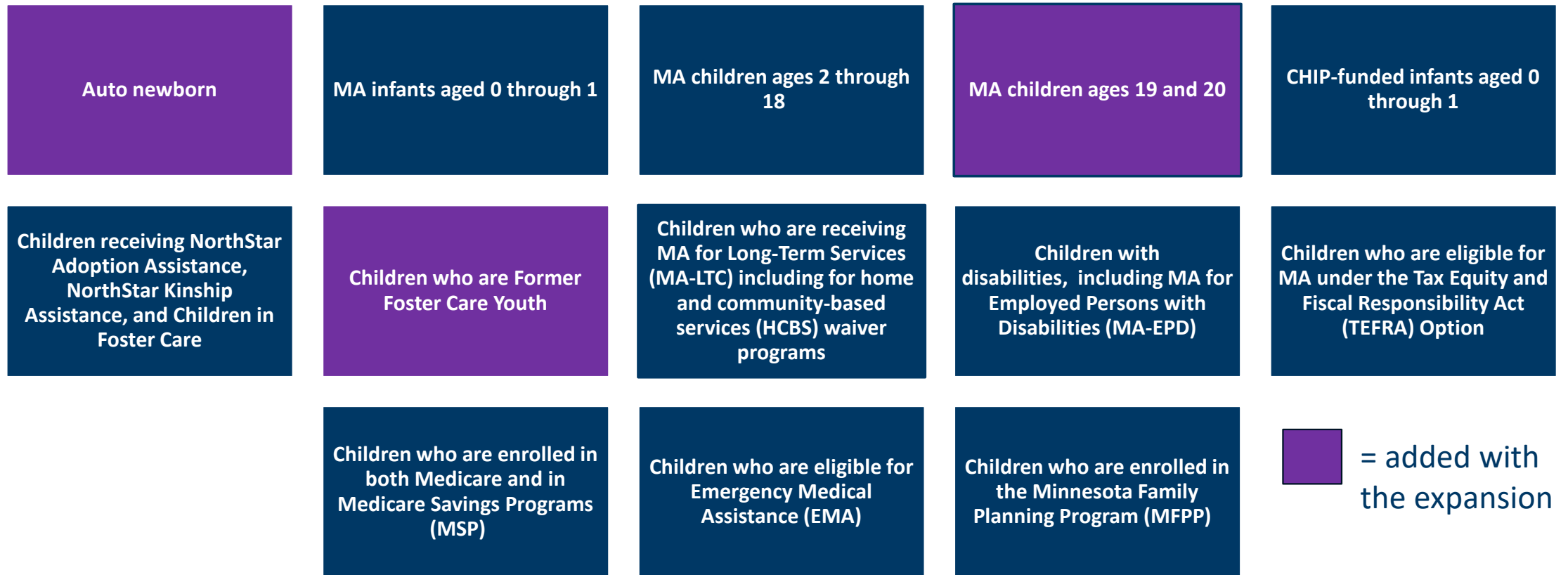
- Expansion is effective 1/1/2025 and includes
 - Up to 72 months of continuous eligibility for children up to age 6
 - 12 months of continuous eligibility for children ages 19 & 20
- Children ages 6-18 are not impacted by the age expansion and remain eligible for 12 months of continuous eligibility.
- Policy clarifications apply to all children under age 21.
- No changes to paper or online applications.
- Enrollees are still required to report changes in circumstances.

CEC Exceptions Effective 1/1/25

- Children remain eligible during their continuous eligibility period, regardless of changes in circumstance, unless one of the following exceptions occurs:
 - **The child turns age 6**
 - **The child turns age 21**
 - The child is no longer a resident of Minnesota
 - The child or the child's representative 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, redetermination, or renewal of eligibility because of agency error or fraud attributed to the child or the child's representative

 = updated with the expansion

CEC Populations Effective 1/1/25



Reminder: Continuous eligibility already in place for pregnant people continues.

Non-CEC Populations

Children who are eligible for MA or EMA with a medical spenddown

Children who have temporary eligibility for MA through the Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE) program

Children who are eligible for MA through Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) or Transitional Year Medical Assistance (TYMA)

Children who are eligible for MinnesotaCare

Children Under Age 6

- Effective 1/1/25, children under age 6 are continuously eligible through the month of their 6th birthday.
- Eligibility must be redetermined at age 6.
- Not subject to renewal while under age 6.
- Annual notice is sent to the household as a reminder to report changes that impact eligibility.
 - MAXIS: Annual notice is automatically sent by MAXIS to the household every year in the child's birth month.
 - METS: Annual auto renewal notice is automatically sent by METS.

Children Ages 19 & 20

- Effective 1/1/25, children ages 19 and 20 receive up to 12 months of continuous eligibility.
- Eligibility must be redetermined at age 21.
- Policies are the same as those for children ages 6-18.

Systematic Redetermination – Age 6 & 21

- Re-determination for children expected to age out of CEC.
- Turning age **6** and **21** are CEC Expansion exceptions.
- New system-generated MA closure notice triggered if case evidence determines child is no longer meeting MA eligibility criteria, including no longer being income eligible or being whereabouts unknown.
- Workers still send a manual closing notice when processing a change that meets CEC exception (ex. voluntary closure).

CEC MA Closure Notice – Example Notice

- Wendy turns 6 in July 2025
- Wendy is over income for MA
- 6/5/2025 CEC Closure notice generated
- 7/31/2025 MA closes

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* Jun 5, 2025 12:11 PM
Case Number: [REDACTED]

Medical Assistance Closure Notice

You are getting this notice because a child in your household is no longer eligible for Medical Assistance. We must review a child's Medical Assistance eligibility when the child reaches age 6 and age 21. We reviewed your child's eligibility based on the information on your case. The results are in the following table.

Health Care Results

Wendy [REDACTED] MNSure ID Number: [REDACTED]

Effective date	Action	Coverage Type
08/01/2025	Approved	Qualified Health Plan without financial assistance
06/05/2025	Does not qualify	Qualified Health Plan with Advanced Premium Tax Credit/Cost-Sharing Reductions
06/05/2025	Does not qualify	MinnesotaCare
07/31/2025	Closed	Medical Assistance

Expansion Recap

- Children **under age 6** eligible for MA on or after January 1, 2025, will receive continuous eligibility until the last day of the month of their 6th birthday.
- Children **ages 6-19** eligible for MA will continue to remain continuously eligible for 12 months at a time, until their next renewal.
- Children **aged 20** eligible for MA on or after January 1, 2025, will receive continuous eligibility until their next renewal or through the month they turn 21.

Continuous Eligibility After MA Renewal

- Currently, if a household reported an adverse change after a child's eligibility was renewed but before the beginning of the new certification period, the child's MA eligibility was terminated if 10-day notice could be given before the new certification period began.
- **Effective 1/1/25**, once a child's MA eligibility is renewed, their MA eligibility cannot be revoked unless there is an exception to CEC. Adverse changes in circumstance processed after renewal but before the new certification period no longer ends MA eligibility.

Policy Clarification: MSP

- A child whose Medicare coverage ends is no longer eligible for Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), as Medicare coverage is required for MSP eligibility.
- The child remains continuously eligible for MA, even if MSP eligibility ends for this reason.

Policy Clarification: HCBS

- A child whose disability certification ends or no longer meets the level of care requirements will lose eligibility for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers during their continuous eligibility period.
- The child remains continuously eligible for MA, even if waiver eligibility ends for this reason.

Policy Clarification: Transition Between EMA and MA

When a child is receiving EMA and experiences an immigration-related change that meets the definition of lawfully present at [EPM Appendix H](#), the child must transition to MA for the remainder of the continuous eligibility period.

Example:

Kayce, age 19, is enrolled in EMA. Before Kayce's next renewal, Kayce files a Special Immigrant Juvenile petition with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, at which point Kayce becomes lawfully present for the purpose of MA eligibility as a child under age 21. Kayce transitions from EMA to MA and remains continuously eligible until the next renewal.

Policy Clarification: MA-EPD

For children under 21 enrolled in Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD):

- No premium increases.
- No closure due to non-payment of premiums.

2024-2025 CEC Transition

- Children under age 19 can lose eligibility at renewal **prior to 1/1/2025**.
 - Not completing renewal
 - Being determined ineligible for MA for next certification period
- Auto newborn periods that end **12/31/2024 or prior** and they are **not MA eligible as of 1/1/2025**, expanded CEC does not apply to them.
- Children turning 19 years old in December 2024, who are determined over MA income eligibility limits, expanded CEC does not apply to them.

Thank You!

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