Minnesota Health Care Programs: August Updates

Navigator/ CAC All State Monthly Webinar

August 3, 2022
The public health emergency was renewed effective July 15, 2022.

Current 90-day emergency declaration expires after October 12, 2022.
  • If this is the last renewal, 60-day advance notice from the federal government will occur on or before August 14, 2022.

If renewed again, the next 90-day period would expire mid-January.
Renewals Timeline Uncertain

- What does this mean for Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare renewals?
  - If the emergency ends in October 2022: MA renewals *could* resume with February 2023.
  - Regular MinnesotaCare renewals *could* occur in the fall of 2023, for January 2024 eligibility.
  - HOWEVER, if the emergency is renewed again, our timeline will roll forward.
DRAFT Timeline for restarting Minnesota Health Care Programs eligibility renewals

The federally declared COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) was renewed effective July 15, 2022. This timeline assumes that notification is received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by August 14, 2022, that the PHE will end after October 12, 2022. Adjustments to the timeline will be made pending further extension of the PHE by HHS and guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Under these assumptions, the first renewal cohort is MA renewals for February 2023 and the final cohort in the unwinding period (not displayed in the table below), is MA and MinnesotaCare renewals for January 2024.

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2 METS determines MA and MinnesotaCare eligibility for families with children and adults. MAXIS determines MA eligibility for people who are 65 or older, or who are blind or have a disability.

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Pre Renewal Notices

- Mailed throughout the year to each renewal cohort
- To be issued 6 – 8 weeks prior to renewal packet
- Languages other than English available
- Two versions tailored by program requirements
Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare and Minnesota Family Planning Program Notice

During the COVID-19 emergency, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) put special rules in place to help you keep your health care coverage. The emergency has ended and the regular Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare and Minnesota Family Planning Program rules will now apply. Here is what you need to do.

Report address and phone number changes
Has your address or phone number changed recently? If so, please report these to your county or tribal agency to make sure we can reach you.

Watch for your renewal
We must review your eligibility to see if you still qualify for coverage.
We will mail a renewal form to you. If you do not get this within the next 6-8 weeks, contact your county or tribal agency. Without your completed renewal form, your coverage cannot continue.

Save paper proofs
We will need proof of income for you and your family members. Please save current paystubs, income tax returns and other documents that show your income to send in with your renewal form.

Questions?
For more information, go online to https://mn.gov/dhs/renewmycoverage
If you have questions about this notice or your case, call your county or tribal agency. Please see the enclosed listing of agency phone numbers.
If you have general questions about Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare, call DHS Health Care Consumer Support at 651-297-3862 or 800-657-3672.
If you have general questions about Minnesota Family Planning Program, call 651-431-3480 or 888-702-9968.
If you have hearing or speech disabilities, contact us using your preferred telecommunication relay service.
Thank You!

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