

Minnesota Health Care Programs Eligibility Updates

Navigator/Certified Application Counselor Monthly Webinar

June 2021

- **DHS Announces a Change to the MAGI Methodology for Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare**
- Applicants and enrollees can use a charitable contributions adjustment to lower their MAGI.
- The charitable contributions adjustment is limited to \$300 yearly for households that include single people, heads of households and married couples filing jointly. The limit for married taxpayers who expect to file separate tax returns is \$150 each, yearly.
- Work around – will be added to the paper application
- Paper proof may be requested.

- **DHS Announces MinnesotaCare Premium Reductions for 2021 and 2022**
- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) improves the affordability of health care coverage purchased through the health insurance marketplace by increasing premium tax credits people can receive in 2021 and 2022.
- Because MinnesotaCare is a BHP and premium amounts cannot exceed what an individual would have paid for a QHP, these ARPA provisions will reduce MinnesotaCare premiums for 2021 and 2022.
- MinnesotaCare enrollees will see the new lower premiums on invoices they receive this month for July coverage.

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- Also, enrollees will have no MinnesotaCare premiums in 2021 if they or a member of their family have received unemployment compensation at any time in 2021.
- The premium changes will be implemented in phases.

Annual Family Income as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Guideline	2020 Monthly Premium Amount per Person	2021 and 2022 Monthly Premium Amount per Person
0% - 34% FPG	\$0	\$0
35% - 54% FPG	\$4	\$0
55% - 79% FPG	\$6	\$0
80% - 89% FPG	\$8	\$0
90% - 99% FPG	\$10	\$0
100% - 109% FPG	\$12	\$0
110% - 119% FPG	\$14	\$0
120% - 129% FPG	\$15	\$0
130% - 139% FPG	\$16	\$0
140% - 149% FPG	\$25	\$0
150% - 159% FPG	\$37	\$0
160% - 169% FPG	\$44	\$4
170% - 179% FPG	\$52	\$9
180% - 189% FPG	\$61	\$15
190% - 199% FPG	\$71	\$21
200% FPG	\$80	\$28

- **DHS Explains Redetermination and Closure of MHCP for Enrollees Not Validly Enrolled due to Abuse**

- Similar to Bulletin 21-21-04, Redetermination and Closure of MHCP for Enrollees Not Validly Enrolled due to Fraud or Agency Error.
- A fraud investigation results in a finding that the enrollee or enrollee's representative provided or failed to provide information that caused an incorrect eligibility determination.
- The incorrect determination happened at application, most recent determination that moved them to MA or MinnesotaCare, or at a redetermination or renewal prior to March 18, 2020.
- Effective June 1, 2021.

Draft Plan to Restart MHCP Eligibility Renewals

- Assumptions
 - We will restart beginning with renewals for January 2022. This will include Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare renewals.
 - The public health emergency will end after December 31, 2021.
 - Plan A & Plan B
 - Medical Assistance renewals will occur over a 12-month period. Enrollees will have their renewal in accordance with their regular renewal schedule.

FT Timeline for restarting Minnesota Health Care Programs eligibility renewals

High-level timeline assumes notification from the Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by Nov. 1, 2021, that the federally declared health emergency will end after Dec. 31, 2021. If the emergency status gets extended, adjustments to the timeline will need to be made.

Activity and Milestone	MAY 2021	JUNE 2021	JULY 2021	AUG 2021	SEP 2021	OCT 2021	NOV 2021	DEC 2021	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022
Policy and MNIT	Prep for restart and implementation					Provide support, oversight and troubleshoot issues							
Notices to enrollees					Notice sent to MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees with January 2022 renewal date about the restart of renewals		Notice sent to all enrollees about the end of the Public Health Emergency, restart of renewals and return to standard policies and procedures						
Renewals						Renewals resume starting with cases that have a January 2022 renewal. Renewal caseload is spread over 3 months. Failure to return renewal or a redetermination of ineligibility will result in closure of coverage.							
Changes in circumstances									Continuous coverage ends. All changes in circumstances must be acted upon.				
Worker communications		Begin messaging to eligibility workers		Renewal training for eligibility workers		Ongoing support and updates for eligibility workers through live stream events, regular meetings (County Roles & Responsibilities and Health Care Eligibility Partner Information Exchange), SIR announcements, etc.							
Partner and stakeholder communications	Begin messaging and seek input and feedback from Pre-County Advisory Committee, counties, tribal nations, navigators, MCOs/IHPs, stakeholders and advocates			Ongoing updates, information exchange and problem solving with Pre-County Advisory Committee, counties, tribal nations, navigators, MCOs/IHPs, stakeholders and advocates									

Thank You!

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