

Continuous Eligibility for Children

A. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Hospitalized Children

The state provides Medicaid to a child eligibility under the infants and Children under Age 19 (42 CFR 435.118) eligibility group until the end of an inpatient stay for which inpatient services are covered, if the child:

1. Was receiving inpatient services covered by Medicaid on the date the child becomes ineligible under the eligibly group based on the child's age; and
2. Would remain eligibility but for attaining such age.

B. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Children

The state provides continuous eligibility to all children under age 19 and that:

1. The continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the child's most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility, and ends on the last day of the earlier of the following periods:
 - a. The month that the child turns 19 years old
 - b. 12 months
2. Continuous eligibility is provided to children eligible under all mandatory and optional eligibility groups (excluding Medically Needy) who would otherwise lose eligibility because of any change in circumstances, unless:
 - a. The child dies.
 - b. The child or child's representative requests a voluntary termination of eligibility;
 - c. The child ceases to be a resident of the state;
 - d. The Medicaid agency determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly at the most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility because of an agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or the child's representative; or
 - e. The child attains the maximum age specified in B.