

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director

Transmittal # 20-10 (rev.)

TO: District of Columbia Medicaid Providers

FROM: Melisa Byrd
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DATE: August 11, 2021

RE: Revised: Temporary Eligibility Policy Changes for Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Alliance, and Immigrant Children’s Programs in Response to Public Health Emergency (PHE) COVID-19

Purpose

This transmittal supersedes Transmittal # 20-10: Temporary Eligibility Policy Changes for Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Alliance, and Immigrant Children’s Program (ICP) in Response to Public Health Emergency COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Mayor Bowser signed the “COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020” (D.C. Law A23-0247). The Mayor declared a public health emergency in the District effective March 11, 2020. Further legislation was passed to permit the Mayor to extend the March 11, 2020 Public Health Emergency until July 25, 2021. The purpose of this transmittal is to highlight eligibility changes for the District’s locally funded Alliance and ICP programs due to the end of the District’s Public Health Emergency. DHCF retains its ability to waive the face-to-face interview requirement for an additional sixty (60) days following the conclusion of the District’s public health emergency. DHCF also anticipates long term changes to the Alliance face-to-face interview requirement will be signed into law via the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021. The end of the District’s public health emergency does not impact the District’s Medicaid program. Below outlines the previous protections and programmatic changes to Alliance and ICP in response to the end of the District’s Public Health Emergency:

| Program | D.C. Healthcare Alliance Program (Alliance) | | |
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| Effective Date | March 11, 2020 | | July 25, 2021 |
| Temporary Policy Change(s) During the Pendency of the District Public Health Emergency, plus an additional 60 days | A. For currently enrolled Alliance beneficiaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eligibility will be automatically extended (no beneficiary action, including face-to-face interview, required) b. The requirement to report individual or household changes in circumstance is waived | Policy Revision After the End of the District Public Health Emergency, plus an additional 60 days | A. For currently enrolled Alliance beneficiaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eligibility will no longer be automatically extended. Monthly recertification processing and verification procedures will be reinstated. Recertifications ending 9/30/2021 and 10/31/2021 will be mailed out August 2021, and on a rolling |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Any individuals whose eligibility was dependent upon submission of additional information will be automatically extended d. Any pending terminations of eligibility effective after March 11, 2020 are withdrawn and eligibility is extended <p>B. For newly enrolling applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requirement for face-to-face application is waived b. DHCF will allow self-attestation of verification requirements except U.S. citizenship and eligible immigration status, where applicable to determine ineligibility for Medicaid | | <p>monthly basis thereafter. Face-to-face and all other interview requirements are eliminated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Individuals or household changes must be reported within 10 days of the change c. The request for eligibility information will resume and if not provided, coverage will be terminated d. 60 days after the District's public health emergency, eligibility terminations will resume if requested information is not provided or if beneficiary is determined no longer eligible. <p>B. For newly enrolling applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Face-to-face and all other interview requirements are eliminated b. DHCF will no longer accept self-attestation of income, residency, resources eligibility requirements, verification is required. |
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| Program | D.C. Immigrant Children's Program | | |
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| Effective Date | March 11, 2020 | | July 25, 2021 |
| Temporary Policy Change(s) During the Pendency of the District Public Health Emergency, plus an additional 60 days | <p>A. For currently enrolled Immigrant Children's Program beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eligibility will be automatically extended (no beneficiary action required) b. The requirement to report individual or household changes in circumstance is waived c. Any individuals whose eligibility was dependent upon submission of additional information will be automatically extended d. Any pending terminations of eligibility effective after March 11, 2020 are withdrawn and eligibility is extended | Policy Revision After the End of the District Public Health Emergency, plus an additional 60 days | <p>A. For currently enrolled Immigrant Children's Program beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eligibility will no longer be automatically extended. Monthly recertification processing will be reinstated in August for recertifications ending 9/30/2021 and 10/31/2021, and on a rolling monthly basis thereafter b. Individuals or household changes must be reported within 10 days of the change c. The request for information will resume and if information is not |

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| | <p>B. For newly enrolling applicants:</p> <p>a. DHCF will allow self-attestation of verification requirements except U.S. citizenship and eligible immigration status,</p> | | <p>provided, coverage will be terminated</p> <p>B. For newly enrolling applicants:</p> <p>a. DHCF will require income eligibility verification. Applicants aged 20 are required to verify residency. Attestation is accepted for all other eligibility factors.</p> |
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DC Behavioral Health Association
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