



Alliance and Immigrant Children's Program (ICP) Renewal Restart Bi-Weekly Update

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D.C. Department of Health Care Finance



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Alliance and ICP Renewal Restart Began July 1, 2022



- The District’s public health emergency ended on July 25, 2021; Alliance and ICP households' eligibility were extended until July 2022
- Alliance and ICP renewals have started and will continue on a rolling, monthly basis.

Renewals Mailed	Recert End Date	# ICP Renewals	# Alliance Renewals
7/1/2022	8/31/2022	375	2,776
8/1/2022	9/30/2022	444	3,327



There Have Been Changes to Alliance and ICP Eligibility Requirements in the Past Two Years



- Alliance and ICP now follow MAGI methodology, which is used to determine eligibility for the following groups: Childless Adult (21-64), Children (0-20), Parent/Caretaker Relatives, and Pregnant Individuals.
- Applicants and beneficiaries will be asked about their tax households and tax filing status. If taxes are not filed, the applicant or beneficiary will be considered a non-tax filer.
- The change promotes parity between Medicaid and locally funded programs.
- Alliance program no longer has a resource test of \$4000 for HH1 or \$6,000 for HH2.



Changes to Alliance and ICP: MAGI Income Levels



Household Size	DC Health Care Alliance Program
	210% +5% Income disregard
1 person household, monthly	\$2,434.88
2 person household, monthly	\$3,280.54
3 person household, monthly	\$4,126.21
4 person household, monthly	\$4,971.88
5 person household, monthly	\$5,817.54

Household Size	ICP Children (0-18), 319%	ICP Children (19-20)
	319% + 5% disregard	216% + 5% disregard
1 person household, monthly	\$3,669	\$2,502
2 person household, monthly	\$4,943	\$3,372
3 person household, monthly	\$6,218	\$4,241
4 person household, monthly	\$7,492	\$5,110
5 person household, monthly	\$8,766	\$5,979



Certification Periods Increasing to 12 Months & Face-to-Face Interview No Longer Required



- August 2022 and September 2022 renewals recertification periods will be for 6 months.
 - Individuals recertifying in August and September will need to recertify in April/March 2023
- Effective for all renewals after October 1, 2022, Alliance certification periods will increase from 6 months to 12 months.
- A face-to-face interview is NO LONGER REQUIRED for Alliance at recertification or initial application.
- Reminder: ICP certification periods will continue to be 12 months.
- Alliance and ICP beneficiaries can now complete applications, recertifications, and changes through the District DIRECT website and mobile app.



Refresher: Alliance and ICP Eligibility Requirements



Program	Requirement
Alliance	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Individual aged 21 years old and older2. Meet District residency requirement3. Have income at or below 210% FPL (+5% disregard)4. Not eligible for Medicaid or other third party medical or health coverage
Immigrant Children's Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Individual aged 20 years old and younger2. Meet District residency requirement3. Have income at or below 319% (+5% disregard) if aged 0-18 and 216% (+5% disregard) if aged 19-20.4. Not eligible for Medicaid or other third party medical or health coverage



At renewals Alliance beneficiaries are required to provide verifications for income and D.C. residency




Verification Type	Examples of Acceptable Verification Documents
Income	Recent paystubs (from the last 30 days) Self-employment: most recent tax return form Statement showing retirement income, disability income, or Workers Compensation Pension or annuity statement Unemployment Income statements
Residency (only one form of verification is required for Alliance and ICP beneficiaries age 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•DC driver's license, identification card, or DC One Card•Active lease, rental agreement, or rent receipt•Utility or telephone bill•Pay stub or earning statement issued within the previous 30 days with the individual's name and District of Columbia address•Property tax bill issued within the last 60 days for property located in the District of Columbia•Completed Residency Form




Alliance and ICP Renewal Process




- ❑ Renewal forms are now sent 60 days before the end of the beneficiary's certification period, instead of 90 days. For example, households due to renew August 31, 2022, were sent a renewal form on July 1, 2022.
- ❑ Converted cases are cases that have been transferred from ACEDS to District Direct. In order to be fully converted, the beneficiary or household needs to complete a conversion renewal form.
- ❑ Most Alliance and ICP households will use the Conversion Renewal Form to renew benefits:

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Department of Human Services (DHS) 
Economic Security Administration (ESA)

Conversion Renewal Form

This is a supplemental form for medical assistance. A friend, relative, or anyone that you wish, may help you complete this application.


Medical
(Doctors, hospitals, prescriptions, labs, and x-rays)

- free or low-cost insurance from Medicaid
- free or low-cost insurance from the D.C. Healthcare Alliance or Immigrant Children's Program
- affordable, private health insurance plans through the Marketplace
- a tax credit that can immediately help pay your premiums for health coverage.



Save Time! Submit Your Renewal Online!



- **Alliance and ICP beneficiaries may submit their completed renewals:**

- Online:** District Direct allows beneficiaries to complete their renewal, report changes, submit verifications, and view notices online or through the mobile app. Beneficiaries may visit <https://districtdirect.dc.gov/> or download the mobile app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. **Please encourage beneficiaries to complete their renewal online!**

- By Phone:** Call Center (202) 727-5355; Language & Translation Line 1-855-532-5465

- Mail**

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Case Record Management Unit

P.O. Box 91560 Washington, DC 20090

- Drop-off at a Service Center**

- Fax at (202) 671-4400**



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Alliance and ICP Renewal Restart: Status Update



- ▶ **Total Number of 60-day Alliance Renewal Notices Mailed:**
 - 3,151 were mailed on 7/1; For this group, renewals not received for processing have a closure date of 8/31
 - 3,771 mailed on 8/1; For this group, renewals not received for processing have a closure date of 9/30
- ▶ **Only a Few Hundred Alliance Renewal Received by the District (as of 8/23)**
 - 159 renewals fully processed
 - Note: Coverage will be processed as continuous if renewal is submitted by the certification end date (as long as individuals continue to meet program eligibility requirements)
 - Note: Individuals submitting at or near the recert end date are encouraged to submit online via District Direct
- ▶ **Response Rate for 7/1 Mailing Group (8/31 recert end date) is low; near 10%**
 - Meaning approximately 90% of the 7/1 mailing group is non-responsive and subject to potential termination
- ▶ **Based on recent analysis of utilization data, DHCF knows that approximately two thirds of this group have utilized a service in the past 6 months (i.e. Getting prescriptions filled, Attending primary care visits)**
- ▶ **Based on historical experience, DHCF expects many non-responsive individuals will submit their renewals shortly after their recert end date or when they go to access services**
 - DHCF has established a 90-day grace period to ensure that individuals who do not recertify timely will not have coverage gaps



Reinstating Coverage in Alliance and ICP Following Termination

- ▶ There is a 90-day grace period for individuals who do not recertify for Alliance and ICP ahead of their recertification end date
- ▶ The grace period ensures that individuals who fail to recertify timely experience no gap in Alliance/ICP coverage
 - If a provider provides care in this period they will be reimbursed, as long as individuals recertify within the grace period
- ▶ Individuals can recertify their coverage in District Direct; mail; service center; fax, etc. by submitting their renewal form or completing a renewal online up to 90 days after their recertification end date
- ▶ Individuals attempting to recertify their coverage after 90 days following their recertification end date will be required to submit a new application



Questions?



- ❑ Materials from today's presentation and additional resources will be available on the DHCF website: <https://dhcf.dc.gov/alliance-icp-renewal-faq>

- ❑ This meeting is part of an **ongoing, bi-weekly series**. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022: 2:30pm-3:30pm.

- ❑ DHCF email for Alliance and ICP renewal restart questions:
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- ❑ Please direct specific questions about the presentation to:
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