

All MCOs: Maintaining Medicaid Eligibility during COVID-19

Background:

In response to H.R. 6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act, HHSC is taking actions to maintain Medicaid eligibility for certain types of assistance (TOA) during the emergency period regardless of eligibility rules, such as age or income limits. See attached resource for TOA details.

HHSC is providing this notice to MCOs as a summary of actions taken and future planned actions to ensure the state's compliance with H.R. 6201.

Key Details:

- HHSC is maintaining Medicaid eligibility for the listed TOAs by extending any renewals due during the duration of the emergency period.
- Under H.R. 6201, the state is permitted to terminate eligibility in limited circumstances: the recipient's voluntary withdrawal, moving out-of-state, or death.

HHSC will communicate the processes that will be followed to resume eligibility renewal activities at the close of the emergency in a future MCO Notice.

HHSC is re-opening Medicaid recipients who were active as of March 18, 2020 and had an eligibility end date of March 31, 2020. This "re-open" process was needed for those individuals only and is not anticipated to occur in future months.

HHSC is maintaining Medicaid eligibility by re-opening the end date of the existing eligibility segment and extending the TOA according to the federal requirements. The following files are used to notify the plans:

- *Daily P35 Enrollment File* – Lists all eligible members. Members who were re-opened, per TOA, will appear on this file.
 - MCO systems that contain separate rules related to age eligibility must not override the TOA submitted via the P35.
 - The eligibility begin date on the *Daily P35 Enrollment File* for the re-opened cases will reflect the beginning of the member's last eligibility segment, not the new segment beginning April 1, 2020.
- *Monthly P34 Enrollment File* – Lists all prospective eligible members prior to cutoff.
 - MCO systems that contain separate rules related to age eligibility must not override the TOA submitted via the P34.
- *Monthly P87 Capitation Adjustment File* – List all retrospective adjustments, which adjust the following month.
 - This file serves as a notification for retroactive enrollment information for recipients that are added or removed from the plan.

HHSC is determining how to address TOA transitions related to aging-out individuals. HHSC will update plans about those determinations as soon as possible. MCO systems should accept the TOAs provided in the files noted above to ensure proper enrollment during the period of the emergency-related eligibility extensions under the requirements of H.R. 6201.

Additional Information:

COVID-19-related updates for people getting Medicaid services can be found here: <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-information-people-receiving-services>

Resources:

Type of Assistance List (Attached)

Contacts:

[MCO Enrollment Broker@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:MCO_Enrollment_Broker@hhsc.state.tx.us)

Questions regarding access to care eligibility verification should follow the usual process and use "COVID-19" on the subject line when appropriate.

MEPD TP Codes that are part of this extension:

TP Code	Description
TP87	ME-Medicaid Buy In
TP03	ME - Pickle
TP10	ME - State School
TP14	ME - Community Attendant
TP15	ME - Non-State Group Home
TP16	ME - State Hospital
TP17	ME - Nursing Facility
TP18	ME - Disabled Adult Child
TP21	ME - Disabled Widow(er)
TP22	ME - Early Aged Widow(er)
TP23	MC - SLMB
TP24	MC - QMB
TP25	MC - QDWI
TP26	MC - QI 1
TA10	ME - Waivers
TA12	ME - State Group Home
TA88	ME - MBIC

TW TP Codes that are part of this extension:

TP Code	Description
TP40	MA - Pregnant Women
TP45	MA - Newborn Children
TP43	MA - Children Under 1
TP48	MA - Children 1-5
TP44	MA - Children 6-18
TP07	MA - Earnings Transitional
TP20	MA - Alimony/Spousal Support Transitional
TP08	MA - TANF Level Families
TP70	MTFCY
TA41	MA - Women's Health Program
TA67	MA - MBCC
TA82	MA - FFCC

SSI – Maintain Medicaid**SSI TP Codes:**

TP Code	Description
TP13	ME - SSI
TP38	ME - SSI Nursing Facility
TP39	ME - SSI State Hospital
TP46	ME - SSI State School
TA06	ME - Manual SSI Nursing Facility
TA07	ME - Manual SSI State Hospital
TA08	ME - SSI State Group Home
TA09	ME - Manual SSI State School
TA22	ME - Manual SSI
TA02	ME - SSI Waivers
TA03	ME - Manual SSI Waivers
TA05	ME - Manual SSI Non-State Group Home
TA26	ME - SSI Non-State Group Home
TA04	ME - Manual SSI State Group Home
TA27	ME - Prior Medicaid Institutional - Waiver

DFPS TP codes that are part of this extension

TA 78	PCA Medicaid – Federal Match – No Cash
TA 80	PCA Medicaid – Federal Match – With Cash
TP 91	Adoption Assistance – Federal Match – No Cash
TP 92	Adoption Assistance – Federal Match – With Cash
TP 93	Foster Care – Federal Match – No Cash
TP 94	Foster Care – Federal Match – With Cash