

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Extended Postpartum Coverage

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A. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women

The state provides continuous eligibility to pregnant individuals who were eligible and enrolled under the state plan, without regard to any changes in income that otherwise would result in ineligibility, through the last day of the month in which a 60-day postpartum period (beginning on the last day of the pregnancy) ends. This extension does not apply to individuals eligible only during a period of presumptive eligibility.

B. Optional 12-Month Postpartum Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women

The state provides continuous eligibility to pregnant individuals who were eligible and enrolled under the state plan while pregnant (including during a period of retroactive eligibility) through the last day of the month in which a 12-month postpartum period (beginning on the last day of the pregnancy) ends. The 12-month postpartum continuous eligibility option applies for the period beginning on the effective date of this reviewable unit and is available through March 31, 2027 (or other date as specified by law).

Yes

No

1. This extension does not apply to pregnant individuals eligible only during a period of presumptive eligibility.
2. Full benefits are provided for a pregnant or postpartum individual under this option. This includes all items and services under the state plan (or waiver) that are not less in amount, duration, or scope than, or are determined by the Secretary to be substantially equivalent to, the medical assistance available for an individual described in subsection 1902(a)(10)(A)(i) of the Act.
3. Continuous eligibility is provided to pregnant individuals eligible and enrolled under the state plan through the end of the 12-month postpartum period who would otherwise lose eligibility because changes in circumstances, unless:
 - a. The individual requests voluntary termination of eligibility;
 - b. The individual ceases to be a resident of the state;
 - c. The Medicaid agency determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly at the most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse or perjury attributed to the individual; or
 - d. The individual dies.