

Subject MA continuous eligibility; disenrollment procedures

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Overview

This bill provides 12 months of continuous eligibility under MA for children, parents and caretakers, adults without children, and certain adults who were in foster care. Under current law, pregnant women remain eligible for MA for 12 months postpartum and infants born to a woman covered under MA at the child's birth remain eligible for MA without redetermination until their first birthday. The bill also requires the commissioner to follow specified procedures before disenrolling MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees, in cases of returned mail and failure to respond.

Summary

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1	Disenrollment under medical assistance and MinnesotaCare.
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Amends § 256B.04, by adding subd. 26. (a) Requires the commissioner to regularly update addresses and other contact information for MA and MinnesotaCare enrollees in cases of returned mail and nonresponse, using information available through managed care and country-based purchasing plans, state health and human services programs, and other sources.

(b) Prohibits the commissioner from disenrolling an individual in cases of returned mail, until the commissioner has made at least two attempts to contact the individual by phone, email, or other methods. Requires 60 days' notice for disenrollment.

2	Period of eligibility; 12-month continuous eligibility.
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Amends § 256B.056, subd. 7. A new paragraph (c) provides that individuals in the following MA eligibility categories shall be continuously eligible for up to 12 months, once determined eligible for MA:

- 1) children under age 19;
- 2) children ages 19 and 20;

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- 3) parents and relative caretakers whose eligibility is determined using a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodology;
- 4) adults without children whose eligibility is determined using a MAGI methodology; and
- 5) certain adults who were in foster care at age 18.

A new paragraph (d) provides that continuous eligibility for pregnant women and certain infants under age one is determined as provided under current law.

A new paragraph (e) requires the commissioner to seek any necessary federal waivers and approvals to implement continuous eligibility as provided in paragraph (c).

States that the section is effective January 1, 2023, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.



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