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**Subject: Update - Continuous Eligibility for Medicaid for Children Under 19
- Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)**

The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

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- [Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities Handbook \(MEPDH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins>;
- [Texas Works Handbook \(TWH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins>.

Update - Continuous Eligibility for Medicaid for Children Under 19 - DFPS

Background

On Dec. 29, 2022, H.R. 2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2023, was signed into law. Section 5112 of the CAA, 2023, requires states to provide children under 19 years of age with 12 months of continuous eligibility (CE) for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This federal law became effective Jan. 1, 2024.

This bulletin provides additional policy guidance to support the implementation of continuous Medicaid eligibility for children under 19 who lose eligibility for a DFPS type of assistance. Continue to follow policy and processes provided in [MEPD and TW Bulletin 24-11, Update - Continuous Eligibility for Medicaid for Children under 19 - Medicare Savings Programs and Supplemental Security Income, released on Aug. 12, 2024](#), and [MEPD and TW Bulletin 24-15 Revised – Update – Continuous Eligibility for Medicaid for Children Under 19, released on Feb. 19, 2025](#).

Current Policy

[DFPS Eligibility Groups \(TA 78, TA 80, TP 91, TP 92, TP 93, and TP 94\)](#)

DFPS determines eligibility for Adoption Assistance (AA), Foster Care (FC) and Permanency Care Assistance (PCA) Medicaid.

When a child loses eligibility for a DFPS Medicaid type of assistance, eligibility is explored for all other medical programs prior to ending coverage. If the child is not eligible for another Medicaid program, Medicaid benefits end. A denial notice is only generated for AA Medicaid to inform the recipient their Medicaid is ending, and they need to submit an application if they wish to apply for another Medicaid program. Denial correspondence is not generated for FC and PCA Medicaid. ([MEPD and TW Bulletin 23-07, 2. Processing Case Actions for Medical Programs, released on Mar. 31, 2023](#))

New Policy

[DFPS Eligibility Groups \(TA 78, TA 80, TP 91, TP 92, TP 93, and TP 94\)](#)

DFPS determines eligibility for Adoption Assistance (AA), Foster Care (FC) and Permanency Care Assistance (PCA) Medicaid.

When a child loses eligibility for a DFPS Medicaid type of assistance, eligibility is explored for all other medical programs. If the child is not eligible for another Medicaid program, their current Medicaid coverage is automatically sustained for the remainder of their 12-month continuous eligibility period. The child's Medicaid

eligibility must be redetermined at the end of the 12-month certification period. The household will receive a TF0001, Notice of Case Action, informing them of their continuous coverage and a renewal notice at the end of the 12-month certification period.

Automation

Changes to TIERS are currently scheduled to be implemented with TIERS Release 120.1 on July 12, 2025.

Correspondence

Children whose DFPS Medicaid coverage is sustained for the remainder of their 12-month continuous eligibility period will receive a TF0001, Notice of Case Action, informing them of their continuous coverage.

Handbook

Updates to the MEPDH are not required.

The TWH is currently scheduled to be updated in the October 2025 revision.

Training

A web-based training titled Release 120.1 General Information will be made available in the Program Area Learning Management System (PALMS) on July 3, 2025. A training broadcast will be sent with further details.

Effective Date

This policy is effective with the implementation of TIERS Release 120.1 currently scheduled for July 12, 2025.