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ELIGIBILITY A-Z MANUAL REVISION

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WAC 388-416-0015(10)(b) “(4) and (6)”

“(5) and (7)”

WAC 388-505-0211(7) “...has a three-month period of ineligibility beginning the first of the following month...”

(9) “When the designated three-month period of ineligibility is over, all past due premiums that are the obligation of the head of household must be paid or written off before a child can be eligible for premium-based coverage under a program included in apple health for kids.”

(12) “...i. Establishment of the period of ineligibility described in subsection (7) of this section; or ii. Obligation of the head of household to pay past-due premiums.”

(9) “If all past due premiums are paid after the certification is over, then: a. Ineligibility for prior months is not rescinded; and
b. Children are not eligible for premium-based coverage under the apple health for kids until the month the premiums are paid or the department writes off the debt.
(12) “...obligation of the head of household to pay past due premiums.”

“CLARIFYING INFORMATION

When the household fails to pay the required premium for three months, all premium-based assistance units are closed through the end of the certification period. If the household pays the entire 3 months’ delinquent premiums within the certification period, then the assistance unit is reinstated back to the month of termination....”

WAC 388-450-0215(5)a.i. “...children’s...”

“...apple health for kids...”

WAC 388-505-0210(1)a. “...child’s...was..” at each instance of “child’s” replaced with “newborn’s”

“...newborn’s...is...”

(3) “...or permanently residing under color of law (PRUCOL)...with the same scope of services as children covered by CN Medicaid...”

(5) “...or PRUCOL...with the same scope of services as

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children covered by CN Medicaid”

(6) “c. Have income that exceeds three hundred percent FPL; or

d. Have income less than three hundred percent FPL, but do not qualify for premium-based coverage as described in subsection (4) of this section because of creditable coverage; and”

WAC 388-505-0210(12) “Children who are ineligible for Apple Health for Kids may be eligible for the Alien Medical program if they meet the following criteria:

- a. They have a documented emergent medical condition as defined in [WAC 388-500-0005](#); and
- b. They meet the other alien medical program requirements as described in [WAC 388-438-0110](#); and
- c. They have income that exceeds three hundred percent FPL; or
- d. They have income less than three-hundred percent FPL, but do not qualify for premium-based coverage as described in subsection (5) of this section because of creditable coverage or non-payment of premiums.

(11) “...not eligible for apple health for kids programs listed above may be eligible for one of the following medical assistance programs not included in apple health for kids:.....”

“d. Home and community based waiver programs as described in chapter 388-515 WAC; or

e. Alien medical as described in WAC 388-438-0110, if they:

- i. Have a documented emergency medical condition as defined in WAC 388-500-0005;
- ii. Have income more than three hundred percent FPL; or
- iii. Have income less than three hundred percent FPL, but do not qualify for premium-based coverage described in subsection (5) of this section because of creditable coverage.”

MEDICAL REDETERMINATION/WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES/CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY

(F07) When ACES closes a child for non-payment of the required premium, the child remains eligible for the program and coverage will be reinstated once the payment of the delinquent premium occurs *within* the certification period. If payment of the delinquent premium occurs after the certification period no reinstatement will occur. The household will need to reapply to have ongoing eligibility determined. If payment of the delinquent premium occurs in the last month of the certification period, benefits will be reinstated through the last month of the certification period, and the household will need to reapply to have ongoing eligibility determined. See WAC 388-505-0211 and worker responsibilities in that section for more information.

Sample text: Your child(ren)'s medical coverage is closing because the required premium has not been paid. If the delinquent premium is paid your child(ren)'s medical coverage may be reinstated.

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EXAMPLE The Smith family is approved for F07 medical with a certification period of January through December. Coverage is provided for their two children in exchange for a monthly premium of \$40. The Smith's don't pay the required premium in March, April, and May. On May 20th the Smith's receive notice their children's coverage will end unless payment of the delinquent premium is made by May 31st. No payment is made and the AU is close. In early July, the Smith's make a payment of \$120 to clear the balance of their delinquent premiums. The worker receives notice from FSA via ACES that the delinquent premium has been paid and reinstates coverage for the children for June, July, and August (through the end of the initial certification period of December).

Sample text: The delinquent premium for your child(ren)'s coverage has been paid. Medical coverage for your child(ren) has been reinstated through the dates above.

EXAMPLE The Jones family is approved for F07 medical with a certification period of January through December. Coverage is provided for their two children in exchange for a monthly premium of \$40. The Jones' don't pay the required premium in March, April, and May. On May 20th the Jones' receive notice their children's coverage will end unless payment of the delinquent premium is made by May 31st. No payment is made and the AU is closed. In January the Jones' make a payment of \$120 to clear the balance of their delinquent premiums. Since this is outside of the certification period the worker takes no action except to send the Jones' an application to see if they would like to reapply.

Sample text: The delinquent premium for your child(ren)'s coverage has been paid. Ongoing eligibility for medical coverage will require a new application. Please find enclosed an application for medical assistance, or you may apply online at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/f2ws03esaapps/onlinecso/applying.asp>

Summary

This revision is done to bring A-Z Manual in compliance with policy changes that are in effect 04 – 01 - 2010.

This revision is to remove the 3 month sanction for non-payment of premiums in the premium-based Apple Health for Kids program to comply with federal guidance regarding continuous eligibility, clarify newborn eligibility, and to correct references to, "Apple Health for Kids".

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