

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Continuous Coverage from Birth to Age Six

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform local departments of social services about changes to Continuous Coverage for children under age six.

Effective January 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 366(4)(b)(3) and the 1115 Medicaid Redesign Team Waiver, all categorically eligible children from birth to the age of six will be continuously Medicaid eligible. Children, other than Medically Needy or those presumptively eligible, who are determined fully eligible for Medicaid and subsequently lose Medicaid eligibility, will have guaranteed Medicaid coverage until the end of the month of their sixth birthday. Exceptions to this guarantee include:

- no longer being a resident of the state or being unable to locate,
- voluntary termination,
- agency error or fraud, and
- death.

Continuous coverage for most children will be provided through NY State of Health. Any child eligible under a Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) category will be transitioned to NY State of Health, using the current monthly transition process, for the remainder of their continuous period. However, there are a few small populations, including recently discharged Foster Children, those losing Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and disabled children losing Temporary Assistance (TA), who cannot be transitioned to NY State of Health but are eligible for continuous coverage.

An Administrative Directive (ADM) will be forthcoming with details regarding required manual work for applicable populations remaining in the Welfare Management System (WMS).

Please direct any questions to your local district support liaison.