

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Discontinuance of Continuous Coverage for MAGI Adults and Children from Birth to age Six

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to advise Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) of changes in policy related to continuous coverage. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is no longer approving or renewing, authority in states' Section 1115 Waivers for continuous coverage for adults or continuous coverage for more than 12 months for children enrolled in Medicaid or Child Health Plus. CMS has also requested plans from states regarding their unwinding of approved demonstrations regarding continuous coverage for these populations.

Therefore, effective July 1, 2026, the following authorities will end:

- Twelve-month continuous coverage for adults eligible for Medicaid under the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) category, as described in GIS 15 MA/022, and
- Continuous coverage for children from Birth to Age Six, as described in GIS 24 MA/10.

Adults and children receive the above-referenced continuous coverage through NY State of Health. To rescind the continuous coverage provisions, starting in May, NY State of Health will redetermine eligibility for individuals who are currently only eligible due to adult continuous coverage or children's continuous coverage from birth to age six. If they are found to be ineligible or do not complete their renewal, their Medicaid will be terminated with timely notice. If, upon renewal, they are determined eligible for another program such as Child Health Plus or Essential Plan, they will be transitioned to the new coverage with timely notice.

Local Districts should no longer receive referrals requesting manual extensions for children past the initial 12-month continuous coverage period and should no longer provide extensions except for 12-months continuous coverage for children.

Please direct any questions to your local district support liaison.