



COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor • Joan Henneberry, Executive Director

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Re: Changes to Medicaid 1931 program policy and information regarding affected parents

Dear County Director or Medical Assistance Site Director:

During the implementation of the Medicaid Parent Expansion to 100% FPL, the Department confirmed that we are not mandated to require all household members request Medical Assistance in order to receive 1931 eligibility.

What is changing?

The Department encourages all family members to apply together so that all eligible individuals will receive Medical Assistance. However, it is no longer a requirement that all household members request Medical Assistance to receive coverage under the 1931 eligibility category.

CBMS currently requires all household members to apply in order to receive 1931 eligibility. CBMS changes will be implemented in the future to reflect the policy. All affected parents will be reenrolled in CBMS once the CBMS changes are made.

What happens next?

Parents in a household with only one parent currently enrolled in Parents Plus had their benefits terminated as of May 31, 2010 when the Parents Plus Program was eliminated. These clients are eligible for the 1931 Medicaid category.

Parents improperly terminated from Medicaid received a CBMS discontinuation letter during the week of May 10th. The Department sent a letter explaining the error and Notice of Action letters to this group of discontinued clients on May 20, 2010.

Unfortunately, we were unable to identify a feasible manual CBMS worker intervention to reopen eligibility for affected parents without possibly impacting other programs. Until CBMS changes are made, parents terminated as a result of this change on May 31, 2010 and new parent applicants will continue to be denied because all family members are not requesting Medical Assistance. End users will need to contact the Department to request Notice of Action letters for new parent applicants that have been denied because of this change.

Affected clients will need to use the Notice of Action letters to access medical services because they will not show as Medicaid eligible in the Provider Web Portal. End users or clients should contact the Department if there are any issues with providers accepting the Notice of Action letters.

Who is the Department contact?

- If an applicant is denied because not all family members have requested assistance: The Department will issue Notice of Action letters for all impacted clients. Please contact Patricia Garcia at Patricia.Garcia@state.co.us or 303-866-5928 to request a Notice of Action letter.
- If a provider calls to verify eligibility for a parent that should be covered: Please have the provider contact Patricia Garcia at Patricia.Garcia@state.co.us or 303-866-5928 to verify eligibility.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia.Garcia@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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