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**Subject:** Continuous Eligibility for Medicaid and MiChild for Children Under 19 Years of Age

**Effective:** January 1, 2024

**Programs Affected:** All full coverage Medicaid programs for children under 19 years; except for Transitional Medicaid (TMA) Children, those determined presumptively eligible and Group 2 Medically Needy programs

**Note: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).**

The purpose of this policy is to extend Medicaid current continuous eligibility categories to allow more children under age 19 to keep full coverage for a continuous 12-month eligibility period. The 12-month continuous eligibility requirement ends when a child turns 19. The coverage will end if any of the following occurs: child moves out of state, requests closure, death of the child, or eligibility was based on erroneous information.

Exceptions to this policy are TMA children, children in presumptive eligibility and Group 2 Medically Needy categories. This will positively affect children under 19 by allowing them to retain coverage for a full year without interruption. The anticipated effective date of this policy is January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024, MiChild beneficiaries will no longer be required to pay premiums.

## Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Shannon David at [DavidS1@michigan.gov](mailto:DavidS1@michigan.gov).

Please include "Continuous Eligibility for Medicaid and MiChild for Children Under 19 Years of Age" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

## Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Bridges Eligibility Manual.

## Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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