

To: All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Matthew Ahern, Interim Director *MLA*
Date: December 26, 2023
Re: Extension of Continuous Eligibility for Postpartum Mothers and Children

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify Heritage Health plans that Nebraska Medicaid is upcoming extensions to the postpartum coverage of mothers and to the continuous eligibility of children **effective January 1, 2024.**

12-Months Extended Postpartum Coverage

In June 2023, Governor Jim Pillen signed LB 227 into law which mandated the extension of Medicaid postpartum coverage from 60 days to a minimum of 6-months. Beginning January 1, 2024, Nebraska Medicaid will be providing 12 months of continuous postpartum coverage for individuals who received Medicaid while they were pregnant.

This change will ensure that nearly five thousand mothers across the state will maintain access to a comprehensive range of behavioral and physical health services, as well as additional support.

When this change is put in place, there may be some members who were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP while pregnant and are still less than 12 months postpartum. Nebraska Medicaid will identify members whose coverage ended before January 1, 2024, and will reinstate their coverage if they are still residents of Nebraska. Those who qualify will be re-enrolled for the remainder of their 12-month postpartum period.

Additional information and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about these changes can be found on the Medicaid Eligibility webpage at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Maternal-Health.aspx>.


Continuous Eligibility for all Children Extended to 12 Months

At this time, Nebraska Medicaid provides six months of continuous eligibility for children found newly eligible for Medicaid. Children born to mothers who are covered by Medicaid or CHIP receive a full year of continuous eligibility.

Beginning January 1, 2024, all children found newly eligible for Medicaid will receive 12 months of continuous eligibility, regardless of changes to the child's circumstance. If they are still eligible, they will receive an additional 12 months of continuous eligibility at the time of their renewal. This change comes after the federal government signed the [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023](#) into law in December 2022.

Children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP as of January 1, 2024, will receive 12 months of continuous eligibility based on their last annual renewal.

Additional information and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about these changes can be found on the Medicaid Eligibility webpage at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Eligibility.aspx>.



If you have questions regarding this advisory, please contact Nebraska Medicaid via email at:
DHHS.MLTCEXperience@Nebraska.gov.

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