



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this memo is for the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) to provide guidance to Eligibility Sites (County Departments of Human/Social Services, Medical Assistance and Eligibility Application Partner sites) regarding Buy-In program premiums which were previously waived through the Public Health Emergency (PHE).

Information:

Over the course of the COVID-19 PHE period, the Department adopted many flexibilities such as the waiving of the monthly premiums associated to the Buy-In Programs Working Adults with Disabilities (WAWD) and the Children’s Buy-In with Disabilities (CBwD). The end of the PHE will not impact this process. The Department will continue to waive premiums past the end of the emergency declaration until further notice into the year 2025. The Department will notify all eligibility sites and members as to when required premiums will resume.

The Department does not intend to recoup annual enrollment fees and premiums that were not charged during the PHE between March 2020 through April 2024 or during this extended waiver period of April 2024 until further notice into the year 2025.

Action To Be Taken:

Eligibility Sites should ensure these updated guidelines are being applied to ensure eligibility coverage for buy-in program members.

Attachment(s):

None

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