

Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities Overview Project 1944

The following will provide a high level overview of the changes being implemented into CBMS within Project 1944 - Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities:

1. New Aid Code

- The Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities will be a new program aid code within the Family Medicaid (FM) High Level Program Group.
- The release date of this program is 6/24/2012
- The system will determine eligibility for this program effective from 07/01/2012.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the program, individuals:

- Under 19 years of age
 - Individuals between the ages of 16-18 that are currently working will be determined for eligibility within the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities.
- Cannot be receiving aid in another category of AM, FM, CHP+, or LTC
- Must have income at or below 300% FPL
- Must meet citizenship criteria (includes DRA requirements)
- Must have a disability as defined by SSA. The state disability determination will be based on the same childhood listings as SSA.

3. Household Size Criteria

- Household size will be determined using the criteria established within Family Medicaid.

4. Income Criteria

- Income will follow Family Medicaid criteria which includes parent's income
 - Current Family Medicaid earned and unearned disregards will apply
 - An additional disregard of 33% is being applied in

5. Resource Criteria

- Resources are not counted in determining eligibility for this program.

6. Retroactive Medicaid

- Individuals are eligible for Retroactive Medicaid but not prior to implementation date of the program.

7. Redetermination

- Annual re-determination (RRR) will follow the current FM rules and Notice of Action (NOAs) will be generated during the RRR mode for clients receiving aid

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8. Verification Checklist

- The Family Medicaid logic has been applied to determine which verifications are acceptable for the Children's Buy-In program.

9. Medicaid Buy-In Premiums

- Once individuals are determined eligible for the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities, they are immediately enrolled. However, families will need to pay a monthly premium for the child to remain eligible. The premium is determined on a sliding fee scale which are as follows:
 - A monthly premium of **\$0** is applied to individuals with income which is at or below 133% of FPL.
 - A monthly premium of **\$70** is applied to individuals with income which is above 133% of FPL but at or below 185% of FPL.
 - A monthly premium of **\$90** is applied to individuals with income above 185% of FPL but at or below 250% of FPL.
 - A monthly premium of **\$120** is applied to individuals with income above 250% of FPL but at or below 300% of FPL.
- Families have up to 75 days to pay premium before the child is terminated from the program
 - Premium due notice is sent to families on the 23rd of every month
 - Premium due notice identifies current premiums due along with any outstanding balance due
 - The exact termination date is provided to the families
- The Medicaid Buy-In Premium page and bank interface created for the Adult Buy-In will be used to manage the premiums for the Children's Buy-In

10. Reports

- Various reports have been created for the program. They include the following:
 - Children's Buy-In Income bracket Summary and Detail
 - Medicaid Buy-In Monthly Premiums
 - Includes both the Adult Buy-In and the Children's Buy-In