HUSKY Health Application & Enrollment Activity

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Connecticut Department of Social Services

Enrollment during the Public Health Emergency

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), the Department of Health and Human Services has allowed states to maintain the enrollment of most individuals who were enrolled in HUSKY Health (Medicaid/CHIP) as of March 18, 2020, or after, for the duration of the PHE. The FFCRA requires states maintain this enrollment in order to claim a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase in the federal medical assistance percentage.

CT Disaster-Related Enrollment Flexibilities

DSS will not act on certain changes that would result in a change to a lesser level of eligibility or termination, in accordance with CMS guidelines; e.g., a change in income

DSS continues to send out renewals and asks individuals to renew and submit supporting documents. This allows DSS to consider eligibility for 12 months rather than just the PHE extension period. If the individual fails to establish ongoing eligibility, enrollment will continue, in most cases, for the duration of the PHE.

Enrollment Flexibilities Continued...

DSS allows more time for individuals to send verification documents across all programs

For HUSKY A, B and D, which normally have a 90-day, post-enrollment, the reasonable opportunity period to send in verification documents was extended.

For HUSKY A, B and D, DSS has adopted a broader reasonable compatibility standard to evaluate income. The income compatibility threshold had been 10% and now is 20%. This allows more individuals to enroll or auto-renew without needing to submit verifications.

DSS has Implemented the COVID-19 Testing Group for the Uninsured

Exceptions to PHE Extensions

Most common exceptions include:

- Not validly enrolled
- Voluntary disenrollment
- Relocation outside of Connecticut
- Ineligible immigration status
- Death of an individual

Helpful Resources



• <u>https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-</u> <u>center/downloads/covid-19-faqs.pdf</u> The enrollment counts shown are for the HUSKY Health Medicaid programs including HUSKY Limited Benefits Programs (LB) and the Medicare Savings Program (MSP).

HUSKY Health includes:

- HUSKY A –Medicaid for children, parents and caretakers, pregnant women, and more
- HUSKY C –Medicaid for the aged, blind and disabled
- HUSKY D –Medicaid for low-income adults
- HUSKY LB Family Planning (FP), FP Presumptive Eligibility, Tuberculosis and the COVID-19 Testing group











COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Coverage 3/18/20 - 8/31/21



Enrollment counts shown include:

- HUSKY B Band 1 uninsured children in families with income between 201% FPL - 254% FPL
- 64% of children are enrolled in band 1 with no premium
- HUSKY B Band 2 uninsured children in families with income between 254% FPL – 323% FPL. Premiums are generally \$30 for one child or \$50 for two or more children
- Includes those eligible but pending premium payment before coverage begins.

Children's Health Insurance Program (HUSKY B)

Active Recipients



