

## H-1500 CONTINUED MEDICAID FOR THE PARENTS AND CARETAKER RELATIVES GROUP

### H-1510 GENERAL INFORMATION

Medicaid coverage may be continued for parents or caretakers relatives who lose Parent and Caretaker Relatives Group (PCR) coverage because of an increase in Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) from employment. Medicaid coverage may be continued for parents or caretakers relatives, their legal spouses who are in the home, and the dependent child. \*\*

#### H-1510.1 Coverage

TM beneficiaries are eligible for the full range of Medicaid covered services. \*\*

#### H-1520 Reserved

## H-1530 TRANSITIONAL MEDICAID

Transitional Medicaid (TM) may provide continued Medicaid coverage for a parent or caretaker relative, that individual's spouse (if living together) and dependent children who lose eligibility in PCR because of an increase in MAGI.

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**Note:**

The designation as primary caretaker is not based on the parent or caretaker relative's being a tax filer, tax dependent, or non-filer. Refer to [MEM H-2082.1](#) if determining who is the parent or caretaker relative is questionable.

\*\* If a parent or caretaker relative's spouse returns to the home after an absence, the returning individual is eligible for the remainder of the extended eligibility period.

If a child is born, adopted, loses eligibility in another Medicaid program, or returns to the home after an absence, this child may also qualify for the remainder of the extended eligibility period.

The parent/caretaker or child(ren) must be included for all purposes (e.g. eligibility, determination of income) if the parent or caretaker relative or child(ren) would have been considered a member of the MAGI household at the time benefits were terminated.

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## H-1531 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parents and other caretaker relatives qualify for TM if they:

- Were eligible for and received PCR coverage in at least three (3) of the six (6) months immediately preceding the month in which the parent/caretaker became ineligible for PCR due to new or increased MAGI earnings from employment.
- Lost eligibility under PCR due to earnings over the income standard for PCR, and
- Continue to live with a dependent child.

Child(ren) may be added if they:

- Live with the TM-eligible parent/caretaker relative,
- Are ineligible for the Champ/LaCHIP Medicaid program, and
- Meet age requirements. Refer to MEM I-100.

**Note:**

A parent/caretaker from another state who received PCR in that state must receive PCR in Louisiana for at least (one) 1 month to qualify for TM. The months PCR was received in another state are counted in determining if the parent/caretaker meets the criteria of having received PCR in three (3) of the prior six (6) months.

There is no income test during the first six (6) month eligibility period.

The parents or caretaker relatives and dependent child(ren) continues to be eligible for TM unless the beneficiaries become ineligible based on one or more of the factors listed in **H-1534 Reasons For Ineligibility**.

**H-1532 PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY**

A new application is not required for TM. Eligibility begins with the first month of PCR ineligibility. If earnings were not reported timely, the parent/caretaker is still entitled to the first six (6) months of TM, but may receive Medicaid under an incorrect type case (for example, PCR rather than TM).

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TM is not available to a parent/caretaker if it is determined that, at any time in the last six (6) months of receipt of PCR, the parent/caretaker was ineligible because of fraud.

TM may continue for up to twelve (12) months if certain eligibility requirements are met.

If a parent/caretaker again becomes PCR eligible during the twelve (12) months of TM, the family may choose between TM and PCR.

If the parent/caretaker chooses PCR and subsequently becomes ineligible for that program, the parent/caretaker may be eligible for:

- 1) A new period of continued benefits. To be eligible for a new period, the parent/caretaker would have to again meet the requirements to establish initial eligibility (such as the requirement for PCR eligibility in three (3) of the preceding six (6) months); or
- 2) The remainder of the original period of continued benefits. To qualify for the remainder of the original period of continued eligibility, the parent/caretaker would have to lose eligibility for a reason related to employment. The parent/caretaker would not have to meet the requirement for PCR eligibility in three (3) of the preceding six (6) months.

**H-1533 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSITIONAL MEDICAID**

Once in TM, the beneficiary must continue to report any changes in household composition and gross earnings as they occur.

Evaluate changes reported by the beneficiary for continuing eligibility.  
Refer to **H-1532 Period of Eligibility** and **H-1534 Reasons For**

**Ineligibility.** Not all changes reported in the initial six (6) month period will require action; some changes may need to be reviewed again in the 7th month to determine effect on eligibility.

**Example:**

Mrs. Apple was certified for TM beginning June because she started a part-time job and her earnings exceeded the income limit for PCR. In September (the 4th month of TM), she reported that she is now working full time. While the increase in earnings does not affect eligibility in the initial six (6) month period, a review in December must be conducted to determine if Mrs. Apple is still working full time and if so, if her income is less than 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to remain eligible in the second six (6) month period.

**H-1533.1      RESERVED**

**H-1533.2      RESERVED**

**H-1534        REASONS FOR INELIGIBILITY**

TM beneficiaries continue to be eligible unless one of the factors below applies. Take action as indicated.

Reasons for ineligibility during the first six (6) month period:

- A child is no longer in the home or the child no longer meets the age requirement. Refer to [MEM I-100 AGE-MAGI Related](#).
- The parent/caretaker is no longer in the home.
- The residency requirement is not met.

Reasons for ineligibility during the second six (6) month period:

- A child is no longer in the home or the child no longer meets the age requirement. Refer to MEM I-100 AGE-MAGI Related.
- The former parent/caretaker is no longer in the home or

no longer remains TM eligible.

- MAGI income exceeds 190 percent FPIG (185% plus 5% disregard). Refer to [Z-200 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines](#). Termination is not retroactive.
- The residency requirement is not met.
- The parent/caretaker had no earnings in one or more of the previous three (3) months.

**Exception:**

If lack of earnings was due to involuntary loss of employment, illness, or if the beneficiary can establish satisfactory other good cause for failure to earn, the parent/caretaker continues to be TM eligible.

## H-1535 NOTICES

At the time eligibility is determined for TM, a notice of decision is sent.

Consideration for coverage under all other Medicaid programs is required for parents/caretakers who lose TM eligibility.

Advance notice of decision is sent to the beneficiary at any time case closure is proposed. This includes closures for failure to respond to the renewal process or when TM eligibility is exhausted and other eligibility is not established.