

H-3700 COVID-19 UNINSURED ELIGIBILITY

H-3700 GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 6004(a)(3) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) created an optional Medicaid eligibility group for uninsured individuals during the COVID-19 public health emergency period. States that elect this optional eligibility group provide limited benefits for qualified uninsured individuals.

The COVID-19 Uninsured Eligibility, initially funded by the FFCRA, is a short-term program designed to ensure that individuals receive coverage for testing and testing-related services for COVID-19 during the emergency period. This program does not include services for the treatment of COVID-19.

Enacted on March 11, 2021, Section 9811 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), expanded services for the COVID-19 Uninsured group to include coverage of a COVID-19 vaccine and administration of the vaccine.

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H-3710 COVERAGE

Eligible individuals shall be covered for COVID-19 testing, diagnosis, vaccine and vaccine administration. Prior to March 11, 2021, coverage is limited to COVID-19 testing and diagnosis.

H-3715 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

When an Application for COVID-19 Uninsured Eligibility Group Testing Costs (1-CS) is received, the applicant is only considered for eligibility through the COVID-19 Uninsured Eligibility program.

If the applicant is not eligible for COVID-19 Uninsured Eligibility Group, a review for eligibility in other Medicaid programs will not occur.

H-3715.1 Determine Assistance/Benefit Unit

The assistance/benefit unit consists of the applicant. Each applicant must meet all eligibility requirements.

H-3715.2 Establish Categorical Requirement

Establish that the applicant/enrollee:

- Is not enrolled in any federal health insurance program;
- Is not enrolled in private health insurance, and;
- Is not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

H-3715.3 Establish Non-Financial Eligibility

Verify eligibility for each member of the assistance/benefit unit with regard to the following factors:

- **Assignment of Third Party Rights** I-200
- **Citizenship/Identity and Qualified Non-Citizen Status** I-300
- **Enumeration** I-600
- **Residence** I-1900

H-3715.4 Establish Need

There is no income or resource test for COVID-19 Uninsured Eligibility.

H-3715.5 Eligibility Decision

Evaluate all eligibility requirements to make the eligibility decision to either reject or certify eligibility.

H-3715.6 Certification Period

COVID-19 Uninsured Eligibility coverage may be effective no earlier than three (3) months prior to the application date provided the individual is otherwise eligible.

The FFRCA mandates that retroactive coverage can begin no earlier than March 18, 2020. The certification period shall not exceed 12 months or the end of the public health emergency period, whichever comes first.

As mandated by ARPA, the certification period beginning on March 11, 2021, will end on the last day of the calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period.

H-3715.7 Notice of Decision

A notice of decision shall be sent to the applicant and a copy will be sent to the service provider if the provider information is reported on the application.

H-3715.8 Fair Hearing Rights

In accordance with federal guidelines set forth in the FFCRA, individuals disenrolled from the COVID Uninsured Eligibility Group at the end of the public health emergency are not entitled to a fair hearing to contest the termination of coverage.