

Elimination of MinnesotaCare premiums and insurance barriers for MinnesotaCare Children with income equal to or less than 200 % FPG

1. What insurance barriers is the State eliminating (is it just the wait time before individuals are eligible to enroll)?
2. Will premiums for children with incomes at or above 200 percent of FPL be affected by this change?

Automatic MinnesotaCare Eligibility for Children Residing in Foster Care/Juvenile Correction

3. What is the current eligibility policy the State is using for this group of children? and what is the State proposing to change?
4. Why has the State decided not to do annual redeterminations for this group?
5. How did the State calculate the budget neutrality impact of this amendment? How many children would this amendment make eligible for the demonstration?

Elimination of Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association Exclusion for MinnesotaCare Children with incomes over 275%

6. Please clarify what the current eligibility policy is for these children? and what is the State proposing to change? Would the eligibility change result in a loss of eligibility for some children?
7. How many children with family incomes above 275% receive coverage under this provision?
8. How do the benefits for these children differ between the waiver and the State's high risk pool?
9. See Attachment D - Why does the State believe making these children ineligible for the waiver will not have an impact on budget neutrality?

Income Verification and Renewals for MinnesotaCare Children

10. Is the State requesting to do passive redeterminations for these children?
11. What will the State do if it can't determine the child's income?
12. Is the State only using its verification of the child's family income to determine the premium payment or is the State using the information to complete the require annual redetermination of the child's eligibility?
13. The PMAP+ overview document references that the Commissioner can use information in "subd. 2" to verify family income. What does this reference mean?

Chiropractic Services

14. Will chiropractic services be available to all waiver populations or just selected ones?
15. Please provide a description of the proposed chiropractic services to be provided to PMAP+ enrollees.
16. Are chiropractic services covered in Minnesota's Medicaid State plan?

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Exemption from Insurance Barrier for Recipients of State COBRA subsidy

17. How many individuals are receiving this subsidy?
18. How many individuals were used in the calculation of the budget neutrality estimate?

Elimination of Farm Depreciation Income Add-back

19. Please explain why the circumstances of self-employed farmers are sufficiently unique to justify this exception.

Coverage Effective Date for Newly Adopted Children

20. What are the impacted Medicaid eligibility groups? and what is the State's current eligibility policy for these groups?
21. What is the State proposing to the change from the current policy?
22. Is the State requesting presumptive eligibility for these children? If not, please confirm that there will be an eligibility determination made for these children before they receive coverage.
23. What is the budget neutrality impact of this amendment?

Sponsor Deeming for Qualified Noncitizen Pregnant Women and Children

24. Please confirm that the State has submitted a Medicaid State plan amendment for this item to CMS for review? If a State plan amendment has been submitted, please include a copy with your response.
25. Is the State proposing to have this eligibility standard the same between the State plan and the waiver?
26. See Attachment D - Why does the State believe that this will not have a budget neutrality impact? How many additional individuals will be eligible to enroll?

Asset Methodology Related to Bank Accounts Used to Pay Personal Expenses

27. Please confirm that the State has submitted a Medicaid State plan amendment for this item to CMS for review? If a State plan amendment has been submitted, please include a copy with your response.
28. Is the State proposing to have this eligibility standard the same between the State plan and the waiver?

Public Assistance Eligibility for Catastrophic Survivors

29. Has the State submitted this request as a Medicaid State plan amendment? If yes what is the status of the Medicaid SPA? If a State plan amendment has been submitted, please include a copy with your response.

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MinnesotaCare Grace Month

30. How does this amendment request interact with the request on “Income Verification and Renewals for MinnesotaCare Children”?
31. How does this differ from current policy on premium payment?
32. The PMAP+ Overview document mentions “256L.05, sub3b” What does this reference mean?

MinnesotaCare Rolling Month Eligibility

33. How does this amendment request interact with request on “Income Verification and Renewals for MinnesotaCare Children”?
34. What is the State’s rationale for this amendment? and would this apply to all MinnesotaCare enrollees?

Increased Income Limit for MinnesotaCare Caretaker Adults

35. How is this requested change reflected in budget neutrality projections?
36. How many additional MinnesotaCare Caretaker Adults will become eligible for waiver?

Two Month Extended Medical Assistance eligibility for children under 19 and Automatic MinnesotaCare eligibility for former Medical Assistance Children

37. What is the State’s rationale for this amendment?
38. When would eligibility redeterminations be conducted? Would it differ if a child’s family member is already enrolled in MinnesotaCare?
39. How many children would be impacted by this amendment?

Coverage of Adults without Children and DSH

40. Is the State requesting a DSH diversion?
41. What is the State’s historical DSH spending? Please provide 5 years of past DSH allotments and amounts spent.
42. Minnesota historically has not spent its entire DSH allotment. Please explain why Minnesota has not used its entire DSH allotment in the past.
43. Does Minnesota’s current Medicaid State plan support making DSH payment adjustments up to the DSH allotment?
44. How many adults are in GAMC? What are the historical expenditures for this population?
45. What is the proposed benefit set for the childless adults?
46. What is the proposed cost sharing for the childless adults?

Budget Neutrality – Attachments B and C

47. Is the budget neutrality sheet for the amendment request in calendar years or fiscal years?
48. What is the budget neutrality impact (without the rebase) of the amendments?

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Attachment D- Fiscal Projections of Proposed Amendments

49. Why do some of the amendment requests not have estimates in 2010? Is this because the State plans to implement amendments at different times? Please provide a desired effective date for each change requested.
50. Please provide details for how the State calculated the costs of the proposed amendments? and what were the member months and PMPMs used to calculate these estimates? Please provide all back up data for calculations and the waiver impact for all amendment requests.