

**Table 7**  
**Renewal: Selected Simplified Procedures in Children’s Regular Medicaid,**  
**Children’s CHIP-funded Medicaid Expansions and Separate CHIP Programs<sup>1</sup>**  
**December 2009**

State	Program	Joint Renewal Form++	Frequency+ (months)	12-Month Continuous Eligibility	No Face-to-Face Interview	Renewals Completed Online	Renewals Completed via Phone
Total	Medicaid (51)*	N/A	47	22	50	8	7
	CHIP (39) **	N/A	39	30	38	11	4
	Aligned Medicaid and Separate CHIP ***	21	47	22	50	6	7
Alabama	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Alaska <sup>2</sup>	▲ Medicaid for Children	N/A	12	Y	Y		
Arizona <sup>3</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arkansas <sup>4</sup>	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y		
California <sup>5</sup>	▲ Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y		
Colorado	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
Connecticut	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP		12		Y		
Delaware	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
District of Columbia	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y		
Florida <sup>6</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Georgia	Medicaid for Children		6		Y		
	Separate CHIP		12		Y		
Hawaii	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y		
Idaho	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
Illinois <sup>7</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
Indiana <sup>8</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12		Y		
Iowa	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Kansas	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
Kentucky	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12		Y		
Louisiana	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maine	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
Maryland <sup>9</sup>	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y		
Massachusetts	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12		Y		
Michigan	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Minnesota <sup>4</sup>	Medicaid for Children	N/A	6/12 (12)		Y		
Mississippi	Medicaid for Children		12	Y			
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y			
Missouri	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12		Y		
Montana <sup>10</sup>	▲ Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y		

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Nebraska <sup>11</sup>	▲ Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y	Y	Y
Nevada	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y		
New Hampshire	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12		Y		
New Jersey <sup>12</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
New Mexico <sup>13</sup>	▲ Medicaid for Children	N/A	12	Y	Y		Y
New York	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y		
North Carolina	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
North Dakota	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
Ohio	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y		Y
Oklahoma	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y		
Oregon <sup>14</sup>	▲ Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
Pennsylvania	Medicaid for Children		6		Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Rhode Island	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y		
South Carolina	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		
South Dakota	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12		Y		
Tennessee <sup>15</sup>	▲ Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Texas <sup>16</sup>	Medicaid for Children		6		Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Utah	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		Y
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vermont <sup>17</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP	Y	12		Y		
Virginia <sup>18</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12		Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y	Y	
Washington	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		Y
	Separate CHIP	Y	12	Y	Y		Y
West Virginia <sup>19</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y	Y	
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y		
Wisconsin	Medicaid for Children	N/A	12		Y	Y	Y
Wyoming <sup>20</sup>	Medicaid for Children		12	Y	Y		
	Separate CHIP		12	Y	Y		

SOURCE: Based on a national survey conducted by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2009.

### Notes for Table 7

▲ Indicates that a state has simplified one or more of its procedures between January 2009 and December 2009, unless noted otherwise.

▼ Indicates that a state has rescinded one or more simplified procedures between January 2009 and December 2009, unless noted otherwise.

\* “Total Medicaid” indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular renewal simplification strategy for their children’s Medicaid program. All 50 states and the District of Columbia operate such programs.

\*\* “Total CHIP” indicates number of states that have adopted a particular renewal simplification strategy for their CHIP-funded separate program. Thirty-nine states operate such programs. The remaining 11 states and the District of Columbia used their CHIP funds to expand Medicaid, exclusively.

\*\*\* “Aligned Medicaid and Separate CHIP” indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular renewal simplification strategy and have applied the procedure to both their children’s Medicaid program and their CHIP-funded separate program. States that have used CHIP funds to expand Medicaid exclusively are considered “aligned” if the simplified procedure applies to children in the “regular” Medicaid program and the CHIP-funded expansion program.

† This column shows the frequency of renewals. If monthly, quarterly or semi-annual income reporting is also required, this frequency is noted in parentheses. Some states require change reporting, which is not addressed in this table. If the frequency of renewal is every 12 months, as opposed to six months or more frequently, the procedure is considered “simplified” for the purposes of this table.

†† “Joint renewal” indicates that the same renewal form is used for children’s Medicaid and CHIP. In a number of states, separate Medicaid and CHIP renewal forms can be used to determine eligibility for both programs, however for the purposes of this table, “joint renewal” indicates that the *same form* is used for both programs.

Table presents rules in effect as of December 2009, unless noted otherwise.

1. “Regular” Medicaid refers to coverage under Medicaid eligibility standards for children in place prior to CHIP; states receive “regular” Medicaid matching payments as opposed to enhanced CHIP matching payments for these children.
2. **Alaska** implemented 12-month continuous eligibility for children in October 2009.
3. In **Arizona**, the 12-month continuous eligibility policy in CHIP only applies to the first 12 months of coverage.
4. In **Arkansas** and **Minnesota**, renewal procedures differ for children and/or families with children enrolled in Medicaid, depending on whether they are eligible under “regular” Medicaid or under expansions pursuant to Medicaid Section 1115 waivers or CHIP-funded Medicaid expansions. In **Arkansas**, children who qualify under expansion rules receive 12 months of continuous eligibility, as opposed to a 12-month renewal period in “regular” Medicaid. In **Minnesota**, children and parents who qualify under the state’s Section 1115 expansion program have eligibility reviewed every 12 months. In the “regular” Medicaid program, income reviews occur every 6 months and eligibility reviews every 12 months.
5. **California** reinstated 12-month continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid in order to receive federal stimulus funds. (The state had eliminated 12-month continuous eligibility and required a six-month renewal (mid-year status report) for children in Medicaid in January 2009.)
6. In **Florida’s** Medicaid program, children younger than age 5 receive 12 months of continuous eligibility and children ages 5 and older receive six months of continuous eligibility. In **Florida’s** CHIP program, online renewal was implemented in September 2009.
7. In **Illinois**, unborn children covered under CHIP receive 12-month continuous eligibility starting from the mother’s first prenatal visit. Therefore, these infants must undergo a renewal at age 6 months.
8. In **Indiana’s** Medicaid and CHIP programs, children up to age 3 receive 12 months of continuous eligibility.
9. In **Maryland**, newborns receive 12 months of continuous eligibility.
10. **Montana** implemented 12-month continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid in October 2009.
11. **Nebraska** decreased the frequency of renewal for children’s coverage from 6 months to 12 months in January 2009.
12. In **New Jersey**, families of children who have their Medicaid case maintained by the central CHIP office receive a pre-printed joint renewal form. Families of children with Medicaid cases maintained at a county office do not receive this form. Forms used by county offices vary, however several offices use the joint Medicaid/CHIP application as a renewal form.
13. **New Mexico** implemented 12-month continuous eligibility for children in October 2009.
14. **Oregon** implemented a 12-month renewal period for children covered in Medicaid in February 2009, and implemented 12-month continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid in October 2009. As of October 2009, children covered under CHIP receive 12 months of continuous coverage unless the family’s income exceeds the program’s income eligibility guideline, the family leaves the state, the child ages out, or the family chooses to end the coverage.
15. **Tennessee** eliminated the requirement for a face-to-face interview at renewal for children’s Medicaid in June 2009. Reviews remain suspended in **Tennessee’s** Section 1115 waiver program, although the state plans to start processing renewals within the next year.
16. In **Texas**, children covered under CHIP get 12 months of continuous coverage. However, the state will conduct administrative renewal for children in CHIP in families with income between 185 and 200 percent of the federal poverty line at 6 months to determine whether income has exceeded 200 percent of the federal poverty line.
17. In **Vermont**, there is 12-month continuous eligibility only for newborns born to women covered under Medicaid.
18. In **Virginia**, children covered under CHIP get 12 months of continuous coverage unless the family’s income exceeds the program’s income eligibility guideline or the family leaves the state. **Virginia** uses the same two page form for new and renewing applications, but has a one-page renewal form that can be used for Medicaid. For CHIP, the joint form is pre-filled for renewals and a pre-filled on-line version will soon be available.
19. In **West Virginia**, a simplified renewal form is used at every other CHIP renewal. The joint application form, printed in a different color, is used for all other CHIP and Medicaid renewals.
20. **Wyoming** plans to implement a telephone renewal process for CHIP families in early 2010.