

Table 9
Renewal: Selected Simplified Procedures in Medicaid for Parents,
with Comparisons to Children
January 2008

Program		Frequency† (months)	No Face-to-Face Interview
Total	Aligned Medicaid for Children and Separate SCHIP *	45	48
	Total Medicaid for Parents (51)**	40	46
Alabama	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Alaska	Medicaid for Children	6	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
Arizona¹	Medicaid for Children	12	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Arkansas^{2/3}	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
California⁴	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12 (6)	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12 (6)	Y
Colorado	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Connecticut	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Delaware	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
District of Columbia	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Florida⁵	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Georgia	Medicaid for Children	6	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
Hawaii	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Idaho	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y

Program		Frequency ⁺ (months)	No Face-to-Face Interview
Illinois	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Indiana⁶	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Iowa^{2/7}	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	+ Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Kansas	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Kentucky	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	
Louisiana	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Maine	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Maryland	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Massachusetts	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Michigan	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Minnesota³	+ Medicaid for Children	6/12 (12)	Y
	+ Medicaid for Parents	6/12 (12)	Y
	+ Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Mississippi	Medicaid for Children	12	
	Separate SCHIP	12	
	Medicaid for Parents	12	
Missouri	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Montana	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Nebraska⁸	Medicaid for Children	6	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6 (3)	Y
Nevada²	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
New Hampshire	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y

Program		Frequency+ (months)	No Face-to-Face Interview
New Jersey	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
New Mexico ^{2/9}	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
New York	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
North Carolina	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
North Dakota ¹⁰	Medicaid for Children	12 (1)	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12 (1)	Y
Ohio	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
Oklahoma ²	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Oregon ¹¹	Medicaid for Children	6	Y
	+ Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
Pennsylvania ¹²	Medicaid for Children	6	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
	Expanded Coverage for Parents	12	Y
Rhode Island	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
South Carolina	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
South Dakota	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Tennessee ¹³	Medicaid for Children	12	
	+ Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	
Texas ¹⁴	Medicaid for Children	6	Y
	+ Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
Utah ^{2/15}	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	4-12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Vermont	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	+ Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	+ Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Virginia	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y

Program		Frequency+ (months)	No Face-to-Face Interview
Washington¹⁶	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	6	Y
	Expanded Coverage for Parents	12	Y
West Virginia	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	
Wisconsin	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents	12	Y
Wyoming	Medicaid for Children	12	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y
	Medicaid for Parents	12	Y

SOURCE: Based on a national survey conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 2008. See notes on following page.

Notes for Table 9

- + Indicates that a state has simplified one or more of its procedures for parents between July 2006 and July 2007, unless noted otherwise.
- Indicates that a state has rescinded one or more simplified procedures for parents between July 2006 and July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

* "Aligned Medicaid for Children and Separate SCHIP" indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular renewal simplification strategy and have applied the procedure to both their children's Medicaid and their SCHIP-funded separate program. States that have used SCHIP funds to expand Medicaid exclusively are considered "aligned" if the simplified procedure applies to children in the "regular" Medicaid program and the SCHIP-funded Medicaid expansion program. "Regular" Medicaid refers to coverage under Medicaid eligibility standards for children in place prior to SCHIP; states receive "regular" Medicaid matching payments as opposed to enhanced SCHIP matching payments for these children.

** "Total Medicaid for Parents" indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular renewal simplification strategy and have applied the procedure to both pre-expansion Medicaid for parents and expanded coverage for parents, if the state has expanded coverage for parents. All 50 states and the District of Columbia operate a Medicaid program for parents. Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid coverage for parents up to 100 percent of the federal poverty line or higher.

† 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.

Table presents rules in effect as of July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

1. In **Arizona**, a face-to-face or telephone interview is required in Medicaid.
2. In these states, "Expanded Medicaid for Parents" refers to coverage established through waivers. The coverage offered generally provides fewer benefits and has higher cost-sharing than allowed in Medicaid.
3. In **Arkansas** and **Minnesota**, renewal procedures differ for families with children enrolled in Medicaid, depending on whether they are eligible under "regular" Medicaid or under Section 1115 waivers or SCHIP-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**, individuals who qualify under the state's Section 1115 expansion program have eligibility reviewed every 12 months. In the "regular" Medicaid program, income reviews are required every 6 months and eligibility reviews are required annually.
4. In **California**, parents must submit a status report at six month intervals when a full eligibility review is not required. A full eligibility review is done annually.
5. In **Florida**, parents who are enrolled in Medicaid, and who do not receive other benefits such as food stamps or TANF, have a 12 month renewal period. Parents that submit applications that don't appear to be prone to error or fraud, known as "green track" applications, are not required to do an interview.
6. In **Indiana**, county offices may require telephone interviews but not face-to-face interviews.
7. In **Iowa**, the face-to-face interview requirement was eliminated in August 2007.
8. In **Nebraska**, parents enrolled in Medicaid must report their income every three months. A full review of eligibility is done every six months. A telephone interview is required at the six month review.
9. Under **New Mexico's** waiver program, families receive a notice instructing them to call to receive a new application, which is used as a renewal form.
10. In **North Dakota**, children and parents enrolled in Medicaid must report their income monthly. A full review of eligibility is done annually.
11. In **Oregon**, interviews are not required of families receiving Section 1931 Medicaid. The renewal period for families covered under Section 1931 is "up to 12 months" though most families not receiving other benefits have a six-month eligibility period.
12. In **Pennsylvania**, expanded coverage for parents is state-funded.
13. In **Tennessee**, a face-to-face or telephone interview is required at renewal in Medicaid.
14. In **Texas**, children covered under SCHIP get 12 months of continuous coverage beginning in September 2007. The state will conduct administrative renewal for children 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.
15. In **Utah**, renewal periods for parent coverage vary from four months to 12 months, based on the stability of their income. More frequent renewals are required if income fluctuates.
16. In **Washington**, expanded coverage for parents is state-funded. Under this coverage, eligibility is reviewed every 12 months if the family's income information can be verified through data matches with the Employment Security Department. If income information can not be verified through a data match, eligibility must be reviewed at least twice a year.