

Table 7
Renewal: Selected Simplified Procedures in Children’s Regular Medicaid,
Children’s SCHIP-funded Medicaid Expansions and Separate SCHIP Programs¹
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Program		Frequency ⁺ (months)	12-Month Continuous Eligibility	No Face-to- Face Interview	Joint Renewal Form ⁺⁺
Total	Medicaid (51)*	45	16	48	N/A
	SCHIP (37) **	37	27	36	N/A
	Aligned Medicaid and Separate SCHIP ***	45	16	48	18
Alabama	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Alaska	Medicaid for Children	6		Y	N/A
Arizona²	Medicaid for Children	12			
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Arkansas³	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
California	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Colorado	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Connecticut	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Delaware	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
District of Columbia	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
Florida⁴	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Georgia	Medicaid for Children	6		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Hawaii	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
Idaho	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Illinois	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Indiana⁵	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Iowa	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Kansas	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Kentucky	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Louisiana	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	N/A
Maine	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Maryland	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
Massachusetts	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Michigan	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Minnesota³	+ Medicaid for Children	6/12 (12)		Y	N/A
Mississippi	Medicaid for Children	12	Y		Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y		
Missouri	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	

	Program	Frequency ⁺ (months)	12-Month Continuous Eligibility	No Face-to- Face Interview	Joint Renewal Form ⁺⁺
Montana	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Nebraska	Medicaid for Children	6		Y	N/A
Nevada	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
New Hampshire	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
New Jersey⁶	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
New Mexico	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
New York	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
North Carolina	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
North Dakota⁷	Medicaid for Children	12 (1)		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Ohio	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
Oklahoma	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
Oregon⁸	Medicaid for Children	6		Y	Y
	+ Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Pennsylvania	Medicaid for Children	6		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Rhode Island	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
South Carolina	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	N/A
South Dakota	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Tennessee³	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	+ Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Texas⁹	Medicaid for Children	6		Y	
	+ Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Utah	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Vermont	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12		Y	
Virginia¹⁰	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Washington	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
West Virginia¹¹	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	Y	
Wisconsin	Medicaid for Children	12		Y	N/A
Wyoming	Medicaid for Children	12	Y	Y	
	Separate SCHIP	12	Y	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.

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

- Indicates that a state has rescinded one or more simplified procedures between July 2006 and July 2007, 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 SCHIP" indicates number of states that have adopted a particular renewal simplification strategy for their SCHIP-funded separate program. Thirty-seven states operate such programs. The remaining 13 states and the District of Columbia used

their SCHIP funds to expand Medicaid, exclusively. During the survey period **Tennessee** and **Missouri** created separate SCHIP-funded program and **Maryland** eliminated its separate SCHIP-funded program.

*** “Aligned Medicaid 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 program 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 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 SCHIP. In a number of states, separate Medicaid and SCHIP 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 July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

1. “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.
2. In **Arizona**, a face-to-face or telephone interview is required in Medicaid. The 12-month continuous eligibility policy in SCHIP only applies to the first 12 months of coverage.
3. 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 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**, 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. In **Tennessee**, a face-to-face or telephone interview is required at renewal in “regular” Medicaid. Reviews remain suspended in **Tennessee’s** Section 1115 waiver program; however the state plans to begin reviewing children’s eligibility in the near future.
4. In **Florida’s** Medicaid program, children under age five receive 12 months of continuous eligibility and children age five and older receive 6 months of continuous eligibility.
5. **Indiana** adopted 12 months of continuous eligibility for children up to age three in its Medicaid and SCHIP programs in November 2007.
6. In **New Jersey**, families of children who have their Medicaid case maintained by the central SCHIP 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 office vary, however several offices use the joint Medicaid/SCHIP application as a renewal form.
7. In **North Dakota**, families with children enrolled in Medicaid must report their income monthly. A full review of eligibility is done annually.
8. In **Oregon**, the renewal period for poverty-level children’s Medicaid is six months. The renewal period for children covered under Section 1931 coverage is “up to 12 months” though most families not receiving other benefits have a six-month eligibility period.
9. 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.
10. In **Virginia**, children covered under SCHIP get 12 months of continuous coverage unless the family’s income exceeds the program’s income eligibility guideline or the family leaves the state.
11. In **West Virginia**, a simplified renewal form is used at every other SCHIP renewal. The joint application form printed in a different color is used for all other SCHIP and Medicaid renewals.