

HUSKY A Parent Transition



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June Special Session, Public Act No. 15-5

- **Effective August 1, 2015.**
- **Reduces the HUSKY A Income Limit for Parents and Caretaker Relatives from 196% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 150% FPL.**
- **MAGI rules also require an income disregard of 5% FPL.**
- **The inclusion of the 5% income disregard results in an effective income limit of 155% FPL.**
- **Income limit for children remains at 196% FPL.**

Parents Affected by P.A. 15-05, June 2015 Special Session

As of August 1, 2015, there were **18,903** HUSKY A Parents with household incomes above 155% FPL.

- **1,215** in households without earnings.
- **17,688** in households with earnings, eligible for 12 months of HUSKY Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) from August 2015 through July 2016.

Parents Affected by P.A. 15-05, June 2015 Special Session

Of the **17,688** parents who qualified for TMA from August 2015 through July 2016:

13,811 were receiving TMA as of June 2016;

2,408 were receiving coverage in other HUSKY categories as of June 2016; and

1,469 were no longer receiving HUSKY as of June 2016.

Transition Efforts

Before discontinuing assistance, DSS has an obligation to review for eligibility in other HUSKY categories.

Categories include:

- HUSKY A for Pregnant Women
- HUSKY C (Aged, Blind and Disabled)
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
- Tuberculosis Program

Transition Efforts (con't)

- Parents were instructed to update their household information in our Access Health CT shared system.
- Decreases in household income or increase in family size could allow the parent to re-qualify for HUSKY A for Parents.
- Updating pregnancy information could allow women to qualify for HUSKY A for Pregnant Women.

Transition Efforts (con't)

- Parents & caretaker relatives age 65 and older, receiving Medicare or indicating a disability or impairment were sent a supplemental form asking about non-MAGI income and assets.
- Non-MAGI income and asset information are needed to establish eligibility for HUSKY C and the Medicare Savings Programs.
- DSS partnered with CHOICES for outreach to these parents and caretaker relatives.

Transition Efforts (con't)

- DSS instructed CommunityHealth Network (CHN) to review the claims of parents scheduled to lose eligibility.
- CHN looked for claims that would indicate that the parent was pregnant, had breast or cervical cancer or had tuberculosis.
- CHN sent information to these parents advising them how to obtain coverage in these categories.

Transition Efforts (con't)

Access Health also conducted several outreach activities to encourage parents to sign up for Qualified Health Plans (QHP):

- Notices instructing to update household information with Access Health.
- Special mailings.
- Posters.
- Outbound call campaign.

Parents and Caretaker Relatives who remained eligible after DSS' review

August 2016 Medicaid enrollment

	Parents
HUSKY A	3,826
TMA	602
HUSKY A for Pregnant Women / Post Partum Extension	189
Medicare Savings Program (MSP)	26
HUSKY C/MSP & BCC	5
HUSKY D - Low Income Medicaid	189
Grand Total	4,837



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Enrollee Count by Enrollment Status and Coverage Start Month

Run Date: 8/29/2016

	With Earnings	Without Earnings	Grand Total
Currently Enrolled in Medicaid (2)	4,300	537	4,837
Currently Enrolled in QHP	2,503	135	2,638
No Gap In Coverage (3)	1,971	50	2,021
Gap In Coverage (4)	532	85	617
Selected QHP but Canceled/Disenrolled (5)	105	57	162
No Active Enrollment Status (1)	6,903	486	7,389
Grand Total	13,811	1,215	15,026

(1) were no longer eligible for Medicaid but may have insurance from other sources

(2) remained eligible after the Commissioner's review

(3) lost Medicaid coverage and enrolled in a qualified health plan without a gap in coverage

(4) lost Medicaid coverage and did not enroll in a qualified health plan immediately after such coverage loss

(5) enrolled in a qualified health plan but were disenrolled for failure to pay premiums (includes disenrollment related to voluntary cancellations and verification failures). May have insurance from other sources

Questions?