

Bulletin

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OF INTEREST TO

- County Directors
- MinnesotaCare Operations Managers, Supervisors and Staff
- Financial Assistance Supervisors and Staff
- Mille Lacs Tribal TANF
- Social Services Supervisors and Staff
- Case Managers

ACTION/DUE DATE

Effective for MinnesotaCare applications and renewals processed on and after June 1, 2009

EXPIRATION DATE

May 27, 2011

Legislative Changes to MinnesotaCare for Certain Adults Effective July 1, 2009

TOPIC

2007 and 2008 legislative changes to MinnesotaCare for certain adults effective July 1, 2009.

PURPOSE

To provide policy guidance and instructions regarding the elimination of the inpatient hospital limit for certain MinnesotaCare adults with children and an increase in the MinnesotaCare income limit for adults without children.

CONTACT

Counties and tribal agencies should submit policy questions to HealthQuest.

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I. Background and Introduction

The 2007 and 2008 Minnesota Legislatures modified MinnesotaCare benefits and income limits. This bulletin provides information and instructions for implementing the following two changes:

- Elimination of the \$10,000 inpatient hospital limit for MinnesotaCare adults in families with children with income above 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and at or below 215% FPG.
- Increase in the income limit for MinnesotaCare adults without children from 200% FPG to 250% FPG.

Both changes are effective July 1, 2009.

II. Elimination of the Inpatient Hospital Limit for Certain MinnesotaCare Adults with Children

A. Policy Prior to July 1, 2009

MinnesotaCare adults with children (i.e., parents, relative caretakers, foster parents, and guardians) with income at or below 200% FPG have inpatient hospital benefits with no annual limit.

MinnesotaCare adults with children with income above 200% FPG and at or below 275% FPG have an annual \$10,000 inpatient hospital limit.

Refer to the [Health Care Programs Manual](#) for further information about people considered adults with children for MinnesotaCare eligibility.

For more information about benefit sets and covered services, see the Minnesota Health Care Programs benefit summary ([DHS-3860](#)).

B. Policy on and after July 1, 2009

Effective July 1, 2009, MinnesotaCare adults with children with income at or below 215% FPG will have an inpatient hospital benefit without an annual \$10,000 limit.

MinnesotaCare adults with children with income above 215% FPG and at or below 275% FPG will continue to have an annual \$10,000 limit on inpatient hospital benefits.

C. Required Action

Beginning with applications processed on or after June 1, 2009, and renewals processed on or after June 1, 2009 with a redetermination date of June 30, 2009, enter eligibility type M2 or A2 for MinnesotaCare adults with children depending on household income.

Enter the following eligibility types on RELG in MMIS:

- M2 for non-pregnant MinnesotaCare adults with children with income at or below 215% FPG.

- A2 for non-pregnant MinnesotaCare adults with children with income above 215% FPG and at or below 275% FPG.

Note: Eligibility types M4 and A4 are no longer in effect. Use them only for retroactive MinnesotaCare eligibility spans that began prior to April 1, 2009. Refer to Bulletin #[09-21-03](#).

D. MMIS Changes

In June 2009, MMIS will automatically change the eligibility type to M2 for MinnesotaCare adults with children with household income above 200% FPG and at or below 215% FPG and enroll them in the MinnesotaCare Basic Plus Two benefit set effective July 1, 2009.

The following MMIS edits were created as a result of this change:

1. Cross-Screen Edit Changes (RIMG/RELG)

- **FOR MAJ PROG FF WITH RIMG INCOME BTWN 215 & 275, ELIG TYPE MUST BE A2**
This edit will display if the Income Indicator is 4, the Major program is FF and the Eligibility Type is M2.
- **FOR MAJ PROG FF WITH RIMG INCOME UNDER 215, ELIG TYPE MUST BE M2**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is 1, the Income Indicator is 1, 2, or 3, the Major Program is FF and the Elig Type is A2.
- **FOR MAJ PROG JJ WITH RIMG INCOME BTWN 215 & 275, ELIG TYPE MUST BE A2**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is 1 or 2, the Income Indicator is 4, the Major Program is JJ and the Elig Type is M2.
- **FOR MAJ PROG JJ WITH RIMG INCOME UNDER 215, ELIG TYPE MUST BE M2**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is 1 or 2, the Income Indicator is 1, 2, or 3, the Major Program is JJ, and the Elig Type is A2.
- **RIMG INDICATES INCOME IS BELOW 215%, MAJOR PROGRAM CANNOT BE XX**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is N, the Income Indicator is 1, 2, or 3 and the major program is XX.

2. Cross-Screen Edit changes (RIMG/RINC)

- **RIMG INCOME AND RINC INCOME IN CONFLICT. RIMG REFLECTS BETWEEN 175% & 215%**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is 1, the Income Indicator is 3 and the annual income on RINC is less than or equal to 175% or greater than 215% for the appropriate household size.
- **RIMG INCOME AND RINC INCOME IN CONFLICT. RIMG REFLECTS BETWEEN 215% & 275%**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is 1, the Income Indicator is 4 and the annual income on RINC is less than or equal to 215% or greater than 275% for the appropriate household size.

E. Enrollee Notice

MMIS will generate notices to enrollees whose eligibility and coverage changes from the Basic Plus benefit set to the Basic Plus Two benefit set on June 17, 2009. These enrollees will receive the ‘MinnesotaCare Important Information’ notice for Reason Code 218. See the MMIS User Manual, MinnesotaCare Notices for more information.

Refer managed care enrollees to their health plan or fee-for-service enrollees to the Member Help Desk at (651) 431-2670 or (800) 657-3739 for specific information about covered services.

III. Increase in the MinnesotaCare Income Limit for Adults without Children

A. Policy Prior to July 1, 2009

Applicants and enrollees who are adults without children are eligible for MinnesotaCare if their income is at or below 200% FPG. Adults without children includes non-pregnant adults who are ages 21 or older and do not have children under age 21 in their households. Enrollees who are adults without children are disenrolled when their income exceeds 200% FPG.

See the [Health Care Programs Manual](#) for information about acting on reported changes in income.

B. Policy on or after July 1, 2009

Effective July 1, 2009, the income limit for MinnesotaCare applicants and enrollees who are adults without children increases to 250% FPG.

MinnesotaCare Adults Without Children

250% FPG

Effective July 1, 2009

Family Size	Gross Income	
1	\$2,257 / month	\$27,084 / year
2	\$3,037 / month	\$36,444 / year
Household > 2	Not applicable	

- Apply the 250% FPG income limit to applications for adults without children processed on or after June 1, 2009.

See the Minnesota Health Care Programs Income and Asset Guidelines ([DHS-3461](#)) effective 07/01/09 through 06/30/10 for updated income and asset limits.

- Apply the 250% FPG income limit to renewals for adults without children processed on or after June 1, 2009, who have a redetermination date of June 30, 2009, or later.

Do not approve July renewals prior to June 1 for enrollees who are adults without children with income above 200% but at or below 250% FPG. MMIS will not allow coverage to be approved above 200% FPG until June 1.

- Continue to apply the 200% FPG income limit to adults without children to determine eligibility for retroactive MinnesotaCare for months prior to July 2009. See the [Health Care Programs Manual](#) for more information on retroactive MinnesotaCare.

Example 1:

The agency receives a new application for MinnesotaCare on May 15 and processes it on June 8. The applicants are an adult married couple with no children in the household.

Action:

Determine MinnesotaCare eligibility using the 250% FPG income limit. If income is below this limit, approve coverage pending “awaiting premium payment” effective July 1, 2009.

Example 2:

The agency receives a July MinnesotaCare renewal from a single adult with no children in late May and processes it on June 3. The redetermination date on the RSLT screen in MMIS is 06/30/09.

Action:

Use the 250% FPG income limit to determine continued MinnesotaCare eligibility. Approve continued coverage if income is at or below 250% FPG.

Example 3:

The agency receives a July 2009 MinnesotaCare renewal on May 10 from a single adult with no children and processes it on May 23. All information and verifications are included with the renewal form. The enrollee has income above the 200% FPG limit, but at or below 250% FPG.

Action:

Process and approve the MinnesotaCare renewal on MMIS on or after June 1, 2009.

Example 4:

Eva’s MA coverage ends effective June 1, 2009 when her only child moves out of her home in May. She has no other basis of eligibility for MA and does not meet the income or asset limits for GAMC.

Action:

The county worker forwards Eva’s most recent renewal form and verifications to MinnesotaCare Operations since the county agency is not a MinnesotaCare enrollment site. (If the county agency is a MinnesotaCare enrollment site, the county worker must complete the MinnesotaCare determination.)

Eva is determined eligible for MinnesotaCare as an adult without children with income at or below 250% FPG. MinnesotaCare is approved on June 2, pending awaiting

payment for July 1, 2009, coverage. Eva is not eligible for retroactive MinnesotaCare for the month of June 2009 because her income exceeds 200% FPG for a household of one.

Note: Do not enter a pending retro span for clients whose income exceeds 200% FPG for retro months prior to July 2009.

C. MMIS System Changes

The following MMIS edits were created as a result of the income limit change:

1. RIMG

- **RIMG INDICATES INCOME BELOW 250%, MP/ET SHOULD BE BB/M1**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is N, the Income Indicator is G and the major program and eligibility type does not equal BB/M1.
- **RIMG INDICATES ADULT NON-PARENT, INCOME INDICATOR CANNOT BE 4 OR 5**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is N, the Income Indicator is 4 or 5 and the major program and eligibility type does not equal BB/M1.
- **FOR MAJ PROG BB WITH RIMG INC BELOW 250%, ELIG TYPE MUST BE M1**
This edit will display if the Parent Indicator is N, the Income Indicator is 1, 2, 3, or G and the Elig Type is A2 or M2.

2. Cross-Screen Edit changes (RIMG/RINC)

- **RIMG INCOME AND RINC INCOME IN CONFLICT. RIMG REFLECTS UNDER 250%**
This edit will display if the RIMG income indicator is G and the annual income on RINC is over 250% for the appropriate household size.

IV. Legal References

Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 147, Article 5, Sections 21 and 22.

Laws of Minnesota 2008, Chapter 358, Article 3, Section 7.

V. Special Needs

This information is available in other forms to people with disabilities by contacting us at (651) 431-2283 or toll free at (800) 938-3224, or through the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 (TDD), 711 or (877) 627-3848 (speech to speech relay service).