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**MinnesotaCare:**

All MinnesotaCare enrollees are assigned to an eligibility group. See §0907 (Eligibility Groups and Bases of Eligibility). People maintain their eligibility group status between renewals unless:

- > Their MinnesotaCare enrollment ends for 1 month or more.
- OR
- > They become eligible for a more favorable group status while enrolled in MinnesotaCare because of a change in circumstances.
- OR
- > A parent loses parental status.
- OR
- > A person turns age 21.

**EXCEPTION:**

Children who were enrolled in the Children's Health Plan on or before 6-30-93 retain Group 1 status until they reach age 21 as long as they maintain continuous enrollment. See CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT in §0902.07 (Glossary: Client...) and §0907.03 (MinnesotaCare Eligibility Group 1).

All changes must be made at renewal. Change group status between renewals when:

- > Children who initially enroll as Group 2 gain Group 1 status because their household income drops to 150% FPG or below. They will retain Group 1 status as long as they remain continuously enrolled and income remains below 150% FPG.

Reevaluate group status when children turn age 21.

- > Group 2 or Group 4 parents who lose their parental status due to no longer having children in the home become Group 3 effective the first available month with 10-day notice.
- > Group 3 and Group 4 Women who become pregnant gain Group 2 status effective with the month the pregnancy is diagnosed. Their husbands gain either Group 2 or Group 4 status. They retain this status as long as the woman is pregnant or they have a child **under 21** in the home. If the woman is no longer pregnant and there is no child **under 21** in the home, review group status for the woman the month after the post partum period ends and for the spouse the first available month following the end of the pregnancy with 10-day notice.

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- > Group 3 adults gain Group 2 or, for certain parents and relative caretakers, Group 4 status if their natural or adoptive child, stepchild, or legal ward under 21 moves into the household. Group 3 adults who are relative caretakers or foster parents gain Group 2 or, for certain relative caretakers, Group 4 status if they apply with a child **under 21** in their home for whom they have primary responsibility. See §0907.08 (MinnesotaCare Eligibility Group 4) for a definition of Group 4 parents and relative caretakers. Always use Group 2 for adult pregnant women, foster parents and legal guardians.
  - > Group 2 parents and caretakers who report income decreases gain Group 4 status effective the first available month if the new income and the citizenship/immigration status meet Group 4 criteria. See §0907.08 (MinnesotaCare Eligibility Group 4). Reevaluate group status based on increased income at the time of the next annual renewal.

**EXAMPLE:**

Mary is a single adult enrolled in Group 3. She reports and verifies that she is pregnant. Her income is 225% FPG. She now has Group 2 status and will retain this status as long as she is pregnant or has a child **under 21** living with her.

**EXAMPLE:**

Stuart is enrolled as a Group 2 child with his parents. His mother calls between renewals to report that the household income has decreased. She verifies the new income, which is now below 150% FPG. Change Stuart's status to Group 1.

**EXAMPLE:**

Monica is enrolled as a Group 3 adult. She reports that her 12-year-old son, who was living with his grandmother, has returned to live with her and she would like to add him to her case. Her income is 175% FPG. Change Monica's status to Group 4. See §0915.03 (Adding a Person to the Household).

**EXAMPLE:**

Greta is enrolled as a Group 2 parent with income between 200-275% FPG. She reports an income decrease. Income is now between 100-200% FPG. Greta is a U. S. citizen. Assign her to Group 4 effective the 1st available month.

**EXAMPLE:**

Norman is enrolled as a Group 4 parent. He reports an income increase. Income is now over 200% FPG. Reevaluate group status at the time of the next renewal.

**EXAMPLE:**

Mai is enrolled as a Group 2 child. She turns 21 in June. Mai becomes Group 3 and will be on her own MinnesotaCare case effective in July.

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**MA/GAMC:**

See §0915.15.01 (Change in MA/GAMC Basis of Eligibility).