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People who have received coverage under MA (with or without cash assistance), GAMC (with or without cash assistance), EMA, or MinnesotaCare are entitled to a Certificate of Creditable Coverage (COCC) when coverage ends. The COCC verifies receipt of health care coverage through the Minnesota Health Care Programs. It provides evidence of past coverage that may be used for the purpose of reducing the exclusion period that a new health plan imposes because of a pre-existing condition or to permit special enrollment in a health plan outside of an employer's open enrollment period.

See §0910.11.03 (18-Month Rule) for more information on special enrollment allowed under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

COCCs are available any time within 24 months after coverage ends, or before coverage ends if requested. MMIS issues COCCs automatically 2 months after eligibility ends. Enrollees may request COCCs before eligibility ends and up to 24 months after the end date. If you receive a request for a COCC, submit the enrollee's full name, current mailing address, names of any dependents needing certificates and PMI numbers for each person requesting a certificate to:

SRU-COCC DHS  
444 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
55155-3863  
Interoffice mail code 3863  
FAX: (651) 282-6744  
MAXIS E-Mail: MADE  
Voice Mail: (651) 296-5551