



Department of Health Care Finance Informational Bulletin

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SUBJECT: Emergency Extension of Medicaid Eligibility

The purpose of this Informational Bulletin is to inform all Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) contracted with the District of Columbia (DC) Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) of new legislation passed by the DC Council to automatically extend Medicaid eligibility for beneficiaries impacted by COVID-19. This Informational Bulletin applies to all DHCF contracted Medicaid MCOs and the Child and Adolescent Supplemental Security Income Program (CASSIP) Contractor, hereinafter referred to as MCO.

On March 17, 2020, the DC Council unanimously approved the “COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020.”¹ Section 303 of the bill allows the Mayor to extend the eligibility period for individuals receiving public benefits from any public benefit program, such as Medicaid, the DC Healthcare Alliance, and Immigrant Children’s Program.

The Mayor’s authority to extend benefits lasts until 60 days after the end of a public health emergency declared by the Mayor. More information will be made available via DHCF Transmittal.

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¹ “COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020” (Accessed on 3/17/2020 from <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/44469/B23-0718-Introduction.pdf>).