

Chapter 182-504 WAC

CERTIFICATION PERIODS AND CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE

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WAC 182-504-0015 Certification periods for categorically needy (CN) scope of care medical assistance programs. (1) A certification period is the period of time a person is determined eligible for a categorically needy (CN) scope of care medical program. Unless otherwise stated in this section, the certification period begins on the first day of the month of application and continues to the last day of the last month of the certification period.

(2) For a child eligible for the newborn medical program, the certification period begins on the child's date of birth and continues through the end of the month of the child's first birthday.

(3) For a woman eligible for a medical program based on pregnancy, the certification period ends the last day of the month that includes the sixtieth day from the day the pregnancy ends.

(4) For families the certification period is twelve months with a six-month report required as a condition of eligibility as described in WAC 388-418-0011.

(5) For children, the certification period is twelve months. Eligibility is continuous without regard to changes in circumstances other than aging out of the program, moving out-of-state, failing to pay a required premium(s), incarceration or death.

(6) When the child turns nineteen the certification period ends even if the twelve-month period is not over. The certification period may be extended past the end of the month the child turns nineteen when:

(a) The child is receiving inpatient services (see WAC 388-505-0230) on the last day of the month the child turns nineteen;

(b) The inpatient stay continues into the following month or months; and

(c) The child remains eligible except for exceeding age nineteen.

(7) For an SSI-related person the certification period is twelve months.

(8) When the medical assistance unit is also receiving benefits under a cash or food assistance program, the medical certification period is updated to begin anew at each:

- (a) Approved application for cash or food assistance; or
- (b) Completed eligibility review.

(9) A retroactive certification period can begin up to three months immediately before the month of application when:

(a) The client would have been eligible for medical assistance if the client had applied; and

(b) The client received covered medical services as described in WAC 388-501-0060 and 388-501-0065.

(10) If the client is eligible only during the three-month retroactive period, that period is the only period of certification, except when:

(a) A pregnant woman is eligible in one of the three months preceding the month of application, but no earlier than the month of conception. Eligibility continues as described in subsection (3);

(b) A child is eligible for a CN medical program as described in WAC 388-505-0210 (1) through (5) and (7) in one of the three months preceding the month of application. Eligibility continues for twelve months from the earliest month that the child is determined eligible.

(11) Any months of a retroactive certification period are added to the designated certification periods described in this section.

(12) Coverage under premium-based programs included in apple health for kids as described in WAC 388-505-0210 and chapter 388-542 WAC begins no sooner than the month after creditable coverage ends.

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WAC 182-504-0020 Certification periods for the noninstitutional medically needy (MN) program. (1) The certification period for the noninstitutional medically needy (MN) program for clients with countable income equal to or below the medically needy income level (MNIL):

(a) Begins on the first day of the month in which eligibility is established; and

(b) Is approved for twelve calendar months.

(2) The certification period for the noninstitutional MN program for clients with countable income above the MNIL:

- (a) Begins on the day that spenddown is met; and
- (b) Continues through the last day of the final month of the base period as described in WAC 388-519-0110.
- (3) A retroactive MN certification period may be established for any or all of the three months immediately prior to the month of application.
- (4) Expenses used to meet the spenddown liability for the current or the retroactive certification periods are the responsibility of the client. The department is not responsible to pay for any expense or portion of an expense which has been used to meet the spenddown liability. See WAC 388-519-0110.
- (5) A new application must be submitted for each subsequent certification period for which medically needy coverage is requested.

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WAC 182-504-0025 Medicare savings program certification periods. Certification periods for the different kinds of medicare savings programs are not all the same. The chart below explains the differences.

Medicare Savings Program	Certification Period	Start Date
QMB (qualified medicare beneficiary) S03	12 months	On the first day of the month following QMB eligibility determination
SLMB (Special low income medicare beneficiary) S05	12 months	Up to three months prior to the certification period if on the first day of the first month of certification, the person: • Is or has been enrolled in medicare Part B; and • Meets SLMB eligibility requirements.
QDWI (Qualified disabled working individual) S04	12 months	Up to three months prior to the certification period if on the first day of the first month of certification, the person: • Is or has been enrolled in medicare Part A; and • Meets QDWI eligibility requirements.
QI-1 (Qualified individual) S06	Thru the end of the calendar year following QI-1 eligibility determination	Up to three months prior to the certification period if on the first day of the first month of certification, the person: • Is or has been enrolled in medicare Part B; and • Meets QI-1 eligibility requirements.

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