## 8.100.3.Q. Continuous Eligibility (CE) for Medical Assistance programs

- 1. Continuous eligibility applies to children under age 19, who through an eligibility determination, reassessment or redetermination, are found eligible for a Medical Assistance program. The continuous eligibility period may last for up to 12 months.
  - a. The continuous eligibility period applies without regard to changes in income or other factors that would otherwise cause the child to be ineligible.
    - i) A 14-day no fault period shall begin on the date the child is determined eligible for Medical Assistance. During the 14-day period, any changes to income or other factors made to the child's case during the 14-day no fault period may change his or her eligibility for Medical Assistance.
  - b. Exception: A child's continuous eligibility period will end effective the earliest possible month if any of the following occur:
    - i) Child is deceased
    - ii) Becomes an inmate of a public institution
    - iii) The child is no longer part of the Medical Assistance required household
    - iv) Is no longer a Colorado resident
    - v) Is unable to be located based on evidence or reasonable assumption
    - vi) Requests to be withdrawn from continuous eligibility
    - vii) Fails to provide documentation during a reasonable opportunity period as specified in section 8.100.3.G.3 and 8.100.3.H.9
    - viii) Fails to provide a reasonable explanation or paper documentation when selfattested income is not reasonably compatible with income information from an electronic data source, by the end of the 30-day reasonable opportunity period. This exception only applies the first-time income is verified following an initial eligibility determination or an annual redetermination.
- 2. The continuous eligibility period will begin on the first day of the month the application is received or from the date all criteria is met. Continuous eligibility is applicable to children enrolled in the following Medical Assistance programs:

- a. MAGI-Medical Assistance, program as specified in section 8.100.4.G.2
- b. SSI Mandatory, as specified in section 8.100.6.C
  - i.) When a child is no longer eligible for SSI Mandatory they will be categorized as eligible within the MAGI-Child category for the remainder of the eligibility period.
- c. Long- Term Care services
  - i.) When a child is no longer eligible for Long-Term Care services they will be categorized as eligible within the MAGI- Child category for the remainder of the eligibility period.
- d. Medicaid Buy-In program specified in section 8.100.6.Q
  - i) Exception: Enrollment will be discontinued if there is a failure to pay premiums
- e. Pickle
- f. Disabled Adult Child DAC)
- 3. Children, under the age of 19, no longer enrolled in Foster Care Medicaid will be eligible for the MAGI-Medical Assistance program. The continuous eligibility period will begin the month the child is no longer enrolled in Foster Care Medicaid as long as they meet one of the following conditions:
  - a. Begin living with other Relatives
  - b. Are reunited with Parents
  - c. Have received guardianship