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KEEPING MEDICAID AFTER WELFARE TRANSITION PROGRAM ENDS

I was on Welfare Transition Program (WTP). Now I have a job. They want to stop my Medicaid, but I can't afford to get health insurance.

People who earn too much to stay on WTP can still get Medicaid.

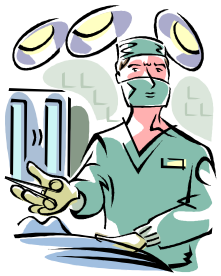
You and your family can get Transitional Medicaid Assistance (TMA) for up to twelve months if you lose your WTP due to income from work earnings. The first six months of TMA is available regardless of the amount of money you earn. That means, you and your family will remain eligible for Medicaid for six months no matter how much you earn. The second six months of TMA is available if the family's average gross monthly earnings do not exceed a certain limit set by the state.

I lost my WTP eligibility because alimony and child support payments put me above the income limit. What will happen to my Medicaid?

Families who lose WTP or Medicaid eligibility because of child support or alimony income can get "Extended Medicaid."

In order to get TMA or Extended Medicaid, the family had to be getting WTP-related Medicaid for three out of the last six months.

If your family leaves WTP voluntarily, is cut off of WTP at the end of your time limit, or drops out of WTP after being sanctioned, you may still be eligible for Medicaid if you meet the ordinary Medicaid income limits. Your eligibility will continue indefinitely (for more than 12 months), as long as you meet these requirements.



Because Medicaid sets different income limits for different age categories, it is possible for some members of your family to be eligible for Medicaid while others are not. Medicaid income limits for infants and pregnant women are more generous.

Medicaid income limits for adults, however, are not nearly as generous. In a five-member household, the parents may qualify for Medicaid coverage if they are unemployed or if they earn very little.

I lost my cash and food stamp benefits. Will I lose Medicaid too?

If you are still a WTP participant, Medicaid eligibility will continue.

If you are sanctioned for not fulfilling your assigned work activity, you will not lose Medicaid, and you are still a WTP participant. You will, however, lose your cash assistance and food stamps. Food stamps are not removed for a first level sanction … (for example, the first time you do not comply with a work activity).