

**H-1900 TWELVE (12) MONTHS CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY****H-1910 GENERAL INFORMATION**

Effective November 1, 1998, children under age 19 became eligible for continuous eligibility for twelve (12) months from the point of the latest certification or renewal, regardless of changes in circumstances.

Twelve months continuous eligibility is applicable to all children under age 19 enrolled in Medicaid or LaCHIP **with the following exceptions:**

- Children who are eligible for Spend-down Medically Needy
- Children originally ineligible or certified under fraudulent or misleading circumstances.
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- Children enrolled in LaCHIP Affordable Plan who obtain creditable health insurance
- The parent/guardian fails to pay a monthly premium
- The parent/guardian fails to provide verification of citizenship or immigration status after a reasonable opportunity has been allowed

A child's eligibility status will end effective the earliest possible month if any of the following changes occur:

- moves out of state, or
- dies, or
- a written request for closure is received, or
- the child reaches age 19

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**Note:**

Continuous eligibility begins in the month of application rather than the first month of eligibility. Refer to H-1810 for more information.

Children enrolled in LaCHIP who acquire private health insurance coverage during the 12 months continuous eligibility period remain eligible for LaCHIP until expiration of the 12 month coverage period. Medicaid becomes their secondary insurance. Therefore, it is important to have \*\* the TPL System updated to show the private health insurance.