

Summary of Changes to FPEP One-Time-Exception Policy June 2009

Policy change & effective dates

- The FPEP one-time eligibility exception has increased to 100 days.
- FPEP clients may now receive services and supplies (see below for one exception) for 100 days while working to secure citizenship documents.
- The policy becomes effective Monday June 8th, with retroactive application to anyone who has received a one-time exception since April 1, 2009.
- The change is a result of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), which requires Medicaid programs to give applicants a reasonable opportunity period to obtain citizenship documentation and to provide medical services during that period.

Guidelines

- Clients must still meet all eligibility criteria apart from citizenship documentation.
- The exception can only be used once per client.
- An Oregon birth record or an out-of-state birth certificate request should be submitted for every client served under the one-time exception.
- Do not use the one-time exception to serve men interested in vasectomy counseling or procedures. Offer such clients assistance in obtaining citizenship documentation but do not provide FPEP sterilization-related services until documentation has been received and the client has a full year of coverage.

Implementation

- As in the past, one-time exception clients should complete an FPEP Enrollment Form but clinic staff should leave the 'eligible from' and 'eligible to' dates (Boxes 38 and 39) on the back of the Form blank until citizenship is fully documented and the client is granted a full year of eligibility.
- If citizenship documents are obtained during the 100-day reasonable opportunity period, clinic staff should record the documentation both on the existing Enrollment Form and in the FPEP Eligibility Database. The database should then indicate that the client has a full year of eligibility, beginning on the first day of her reasonable opportunity period.
- If the ROP expires without citizenship being documented, the client is no longer FPEP-eligible. If citizenship documentation is obtained after that point, a new FPEP Enrollment Form must be completed and the client's Enrollment Date should be updated in the FPEP Eligibility Database.