

Apple Health for Kids continuous eligibility

What is continuous eligibility?

Continuous eligibility means that you keep your coverage for a certain amount of time, regardless of changes in household income.

For children, the length of continuous eligibility depends on age and program. Children under the age of six who are on free Apple Health for Kids, receive continuous eligibility through the end of their sixth birthday month. Children on free Apple Health for Kids who are age six and older or those enrolled Apple Health for Kids with premiums, regardless of age, receive twelve months of continuous eligibility.

How long does continuous eligibility last?

Apple Health for Kids (free coverage)	Continuous eligibility
Under age six	Until the end of the month of their sixth birthday
Six and older	Twelve months at a time, through the end of the month of their nineteenth birthday

Who is eligible for continuous eligibility for kids under age 6?

Any child who is enrolled in a free Apple Health program is eligible for continuous coverage up to age six. Visit hca.wa.gov/apple-health-children to learn more.

Do I need to take action?

Children who are active on Apple Health and meet the eligibility criteria will have their eligibility automatically extended regardless of changes in household income. View the table under "How long does continuous eligibility last" to learn more.

What steps are needed to get my 0-6 child active again if they lose coverage?

As of June 2023, HCA began work to maintain continuous eligibility for children under the age of six. A manual process is in place to identify eligible children who have lost coverage and reinstate them.

If your child needs to visit their provider and their coverage has not been reinstated, please contact the Health Care Authority for assistance.

Where can I go to learn more?

- **Online:** hca.wa.gov/apple-health-children
- **Email:** AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov