

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

Section:
Non-Financial

HEALTHY MONTANA KIDS

Subject:
Social Security Numbers

Supersedes: New to HMK Manual

General Rule -- A Social Security number must be provided for each child for whom Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) coverage is requested. A child who does not have a Social Security number must apply for one and provide a receipt from the Social Security Administration office that an application has been filed. Documentation of the child's Social Security number is not required.

NOTE: Social Security numbers are not required for parents, children for whom HMK coverage is not requested, guardians or other individuals listed on the application. Families must be given a reasonable opportunity to provide documentation that an application for a Social Security number has been filed.

**ASSIGNED
NUMBERS**

A temporary number is assigned to:

1. a newborn child for whom HMK coverage is being requested;

NOTE: HMK will contact the family after a child turns two months of age and request his/her Social Security number so the child can retain continuous HMK coverage.

2. an older child for whom the family has applied for a Social Security number and the number has not been received; and

1. a child whose Social Security number was erroneously used by another individual known to HMK, the HMK **Plus** Program, Medicaid Program, or Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT).

NOTE: Parents will have a reasonable opportunity to provide a Social Security number to HMK in order to make application for their child for HMK coverage.

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