

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

Section:
Eligibility Determination

HEALTHY MONTANA KIDS

Subject:
Waiting List

Supersedes: New to HMK Manual

General Rule – The Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) coverage group has limited funding to insure children. After the maximum number of children are enrolled, a waiting list is established for children determined eligible for the HMK coverage group but for whom funding is not available (aka enrollment slots). HMK-eligible children are placed on the waiting list in the order in which they are determined eligible.

NOTE: HMK (formerly the Children’s Health Insurance Plan or CHIP) has not experienced a waiting list since July 2005.

BYPASSING THE WAITING LIST

A child may bypass the waiting list when one of the following conditions is met:

1. The child (e.g., newborn) is joining a sibling who is currently enrolled;
2. The child was previously enrolled but lost HMK coverage because the parent was activated into military service and deployed; the parent is now deactivated and the child is losing Tri-Care Insurance; or
3. HMK made an error when processing the child’s application.

NOTE: When a child bypasses the waiting list, the reason is noted in a CHIMES Case Note to assure the bypass was appropriate.

AVAILABILITY OF ENROLLMENT SLOTS

Funding or ‘enrollment slots’ become available for children on the waiting list when other children are disenrolled (i.e., child turned 19 years of age, family did not renew the application, family moved out of state, etc).

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