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Important Reminder

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Florida Medicaid's request to eliminate the three month Medicaid retroactive period before the month of application for non-pregnant adults. This change is the result of legislative direction in the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act.

The change is effective for applications received by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) on or after February 1, 2019.

There is no change in the three-month Medicaid retroactive period before the month of application for pregnant women or children under 21 years of age. Also, most importantly, there are no changes in Medicaid services.

Non-pregnant adults will continue to be covered by Medicaid from the first day of the month when the application is filed.

Individuals who may qualify for Medicaid or other insurance are encouraged to obtain and maintain health care coverage, even when they are healthy. To avoid missing potential coverage, individuals who think they may have a need for Medicaid coverage should not delay in submitting a Medicaid application to DCF.

Being covered by Florida Medicaid ensures access to preventive care and the potential to avoid harmful episodes with health.

Once eligible, instant coverage into a managed care plan is available through Florida Medicaid's express enrollment process. The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has trackable, reliable information on Florida's Medicaid health plans so that the public can be advised on their choices and make the best decision based on their needs.

For more information about applying for Florida Medicaid and other benefits, individuals with an Internet connection may visit the DCF ACCESS Florida website at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access-florida-food-medical-assistance-cash> or visit one of the DCF community partner sites at <https://access-web.dcf.state.fl.us/CPSLookup/search.aspx>. Individuals may also complete a paper application that can be mailed, faxed or returned to their local DCF Customer Service Center at <https://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/map.shtml>.

You may also visit the Agency's website at http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Policy_and_Quality/Policy/program_policy/eligibility/retro_elig.html for information on retroactive Medicaid eligibility.

