

This is an emergency amendment to 8.232.600 NMAC, Sections 8 and 14, effective October 1, 2009.

8.232.600.8 **MISSION:** To reduce the impact of poverty on people living in New Mexico and to assure low income and disabled individuals in New Mexico equal participation in the life of their communities.
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8.232.600.14 **CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY:**

A. **Eligibility termination when age limit reached:** If a recipient's eligibility ends because he/she turns ~~nineteen (19)~~ 19 years of age and the recipient is receiving inpatient services in an acute care hospital on the date he/she turns ~~nineteen (19)~~ 19 years of age, the recipient's eligibility continues until the end of that admission. If the recipient is an inpatient in a free-standing psychiatric facility or other residential facility, the recipient's eligibility continues until the end of the month in which the recipient turns ~~nineteen (19)~~ 19 years of age. The income support division worker verifies that the closure is caused by the recipient's turning ~~nineteen (19)~~ 19 years of age and terminates medicaid eligibility at the end of the applicable time period.

B. **Ongoing eligibility:** A redetermination of eligibility is made every ~~twelve (12)~~ 12 months. ~~[All changes, which may affect eligibility must be reported within ten (10) days from the date the change took place.]~~ Changes in eligibility status will be effective the first day of the following month.

C. **Continuous eligibility:** Eligibility will continue for the 12-month certification period, regardless of changes in income, as long as the recipient retains New Mexico residency. This provision applies even if it is reported that the family income exceeds the applicable federal income poverty guidelines. The 12 months of continuous medicaid starts with the month of approval or redetermination and is separate from any months of presumptive or retroactive eligibility.

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