

# Temporary Eligibility Policies for Health Care During the PHE

- During the Public Health Emergency (PHE), members enrolled on or after March 2020 have remained eligible for health care benefits.
- There are exceptions to continuous eligibility during the PHE for members who
  - Move out of state,
  - Pass away, or
  - Voluntarily request to be disenrolled.
- Members also have not needed to complete a health care renewal during the PHE.
- Premiums, the MAPP work requirement, and BadgerCare Plus Childless Adult policies were suspended during the PHE.
- CARES was enhanced to **not** allow negative health care actions (either through online or batch eligibility determinations) or to require premiums or the Treatment Needs Question.

## Unwinding Temporary Policies – Continuous Eligibility

- We must maintain a member's continuous eligibility until we complete a full renewal for the member after the PHE has ended.
  - Due to system limitations, there is a group of members for whom we cannot complete a full renewal process, and they will need to reapply (the iC-only population).
  - Members who did not verify their citizenship/identity or immigration status and whose reasonable opportunity period (ROP) has expired will not maintain eligibility until a renewal.
- New applicants will be subject to normal termination rules starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month after the PHE ends.
  - If the PHE ended in October 2022, new applications would be subject to normal termination rules starting November 1, 2022.

## Unwinding Temporary Policies – Renewals

- Renewals will resume after the PHE has ended.
- Health care renewals will be distributed over 12 months based on:
  - Alignment of health care renewal dates within the household
  - Ensuring 12 months since the member's last application or renewal
  - Alignment with FoodShare or Child Care renewal dates, if applicable
  - Minimizing the amount of time since the household's last renewal
  - Achieving an even distribution of renewals each month for IM workload

## Unwinding Temporary Policies – Premiums and Work Requirements

- MAPP work requirements, premiums for MAPP members, and premiums for BadgerCare Plus children will resume:
  - For new applicants, after the end of the calendar quarter in which the PHE ends.
  - For existing members, as of their renewal after the end of the calendar quarter.
- The timing for reinstating these policies is tied to federal requirements.
  - We are not able to impose more restrictive eligibility requirements than were in place in January 2020 before the calendar quarter following the PHE.
  - MAPP premiums are more restrictive for some members due to policy changes made in 2020.
    - Members who have not paid a premium in the past may have to pay a premium.
    - Members who paid a premium in the past may pay a different amount.

## Continuous Eligibility for Health Care After the PHE

- The following table describes what will happen concerning health care eligibility during the unwinding period after the PHE has ended.
- The dates are an illustrative example based on a potential PHE end date of 10/16/2022.

Date or Date Range	Event
10/16/22	Public Health Emergency ends
11/1/22	Return to regular eligibility policies for persons applying for health care on or after this date
11/30/22	Health Care eligibility ends for the following groups:
	interChange-only members
	Members who did not verify their citizenship/identity or immigration status and whose ROP expired
1/1/23	Reinstatement of premiums for MAPP and BadgerCare Plus children, and MAPP work requirement policies for persons applying for health care on/after the PHE. Members in ongoing cases will be subject to these policies at their renewal.
12/31/22-11/30/23	Renewals for continuously eligible cases will be redistributed across this date range and regular eligibility policies will apply.

## Continuous Eligibility for Health Care After the PHE – Begin and End Dates

- After health care renewals are redistributed, there will be a <u>one-time conversion</u> to store the new renewal dates for all CARES health care cases.
- The conversion will set a continuous eligibility begin date (CEBD) and continuous eligibility end date (CEED) for these cases.

#### Continuous Eligibility for Health Care After the PHE – Begin Dates

- Cases with at least one household member enrolled in health care at the time the PHE ends will have a CEBD of 03/01/20.
- There are two exceptions to a 3/01/20 CEBD:
  - Applications submitted after the PHE ends and before November 1 (presuming the PHE ends on 10/16/22) will have the CEBD of the first day of their initial eligibility month.

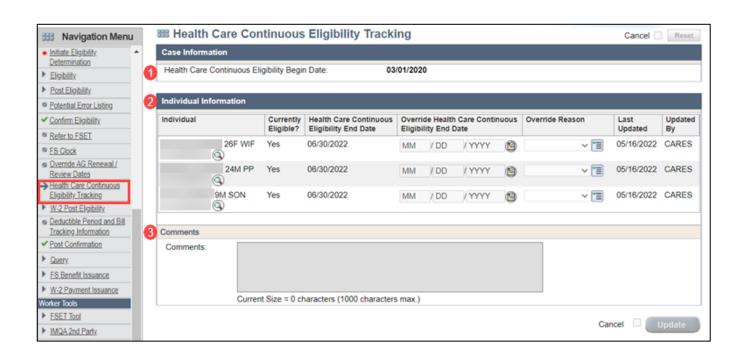
Example: The PHE ends on 10/16/22. The person applied on 10/20/22. Eligibility begins on 10/1/22. The CEBD will be 10/1/22.

 A member with continuous eligibility moves into a household that is not subject to COVID policies (they opened after the PHE ended). That case now becomes a COVID case and the CEBD is the first day of the recurring month.

#### Continuous Eligibility for Health Care After the PHE – End Dates

- After health care renewals are redistributed, the new health care renewal dates will also become the cases' CEED.
- The CEED will ensure that members maintain health care eligibility and are not subject to premiums or the MAPP work requirement until their renewal.
- If a member decides to renew their health care early, this will update their CEED and they will be subject to normal policies with their new certification period.

The new Health Care Continuous Eligibility Tracking page in CWW tracks continuous eligibility end dates and COVID policy cases.

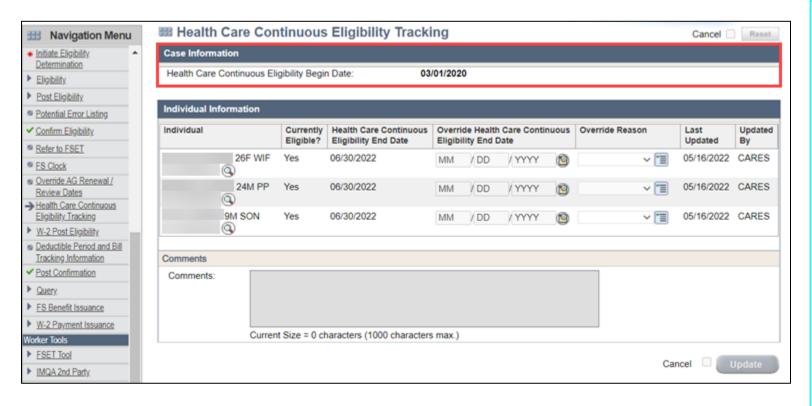


There are three sections:

- 1. Case Information
- 2. Individual Information
- 3. Comments

Note: The page is not scheduled in the driver flow and must be accessed using the link in the Navigation Menu.

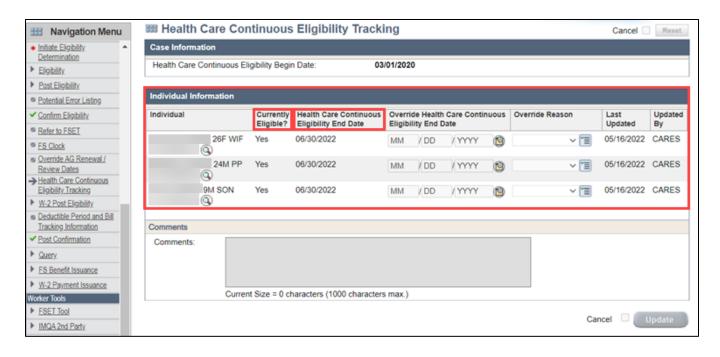
The **Case Information** section displays the Health Care Continuous Eligibility Begin Date. This date is generated by the system and is not editable.



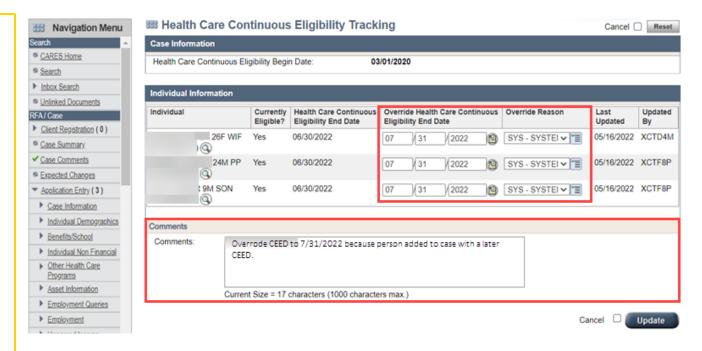
The CEBD will be **3/1/2020** when a case has at least one household member enrolled in health care during the PHE before conversion. The CEBD will be the date the case **became** a COVID policy case if it is after conversion or after the PHE has ended.

The **Individual Information** section displays all active (non-deleted) household members listed on the case.

The "Currently Eligible?" field is updated from "No" to "Yes" and the Eligibility End Date is updated when the person is confirmed open for health care and eligible for continuous eligibility.



- The CEED date can be overridden, when necessary, by a worker with a security level of 50 of higher.
- An "Override Reason" is required.
- A brief explanation for changing the CEED in the Comments section is also required.



Workers can click the magnifying glass icon to view the history of the member's CEED.





## CWW Design Changes – Case Summary Page

In the "Case Information" section on the Case Summary page, workers can see a read-only indicator that shows whether that case is being processed as a COVID-policy case or a regular case.

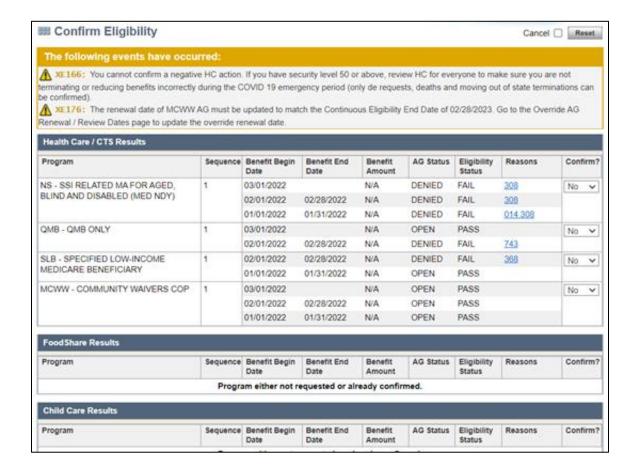
- Yes indicates the case is a COVID policy case, has a CEED set in the future, and someone in the household is eligible for health care.
- No indicates COVID policies no longer apply. Accompanying the No indicator will be the date the COVID policies are no longer in effect.





## CWW Design Changes – Confirm Eligibility Page

If the renewal date of one or more health care AGs does not align with the CEED, a yellow banner message will display on the Confirm Eligibility page after running eligibility

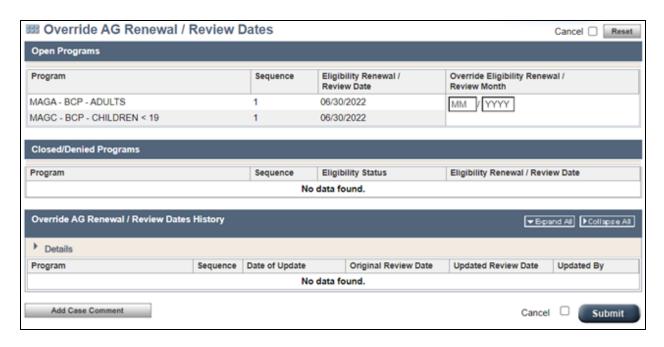


"The renewal date <AG NAME> AG must be updated to match the Continuous Eligibility End Date of <alignment date>. Go to the Override AG Renewal / Review Dates page to update the override renewal date."

## CWW Design Changes – Override AG Renewal / Review Dates Page

Workers should ensure that the renewal date matches the CEED date.

The Override AG Renewal/Review
Dates page allows workers to
override eligibility renewal dates for
open AGs which are grouped under
a single Override Eligibility
Renewal/Review Month field.



# CWW Design Changes – Override AG Renewal / Review Dates Page

Workers will be alerted on this page when one or more renewal dates do not match the CEED.

Workers should update the renewal dates of all open applicable AGs to match the CEED.

