Eligibility for Children with Long-Term Hospital Stays

KanCare eligibility rules for most children require consideration of the income of other persons in the household – usually the child's parents. However, when children are in an institutional arrangement for more than 30 consecutive days, special rules apply and parental income is no longer considered. Children determined eligible using family income receive 12 months of continuous eligibility and are eligible both in the hospital and outside of the hospital. Children determined eligible under the special rules related to the institutional stay will lose coverage when they leave the facility.

A recent clarification issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) now requires a family-based determination for the child before consideration under the special rules for institutionalized children. This will ensure the child receives continuous coverage when appropriate. However, if the child is determined ineligible under the family rules, a second determination (using the original application) will be completed after the child has been in the hospital or facility for 30 days. Children approved for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) by Social Security will continue to be eligible for Medicaid. Hospital staff assisting families with the Kancare application should be aware of this process.

Families are encouraged to apply online through the KanCare portal. If a paper application is preferred, families are advised to complete the application for Family Medical (KC -1100) to facilitate a timely determination. However, the application for Elderly and Disabled (KC-1500) will also be accepted. Multiple applications are not necessary. Families will be notified if additional information is necessary to complete the determination.

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