

5160-58-02.1 MyCare Ohio Plans: Termination of Membership

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(A) A member will be terminated from membership in a MyCare Ohio plan ("plan") for any of the following reasons:

(1) The member becomes ineligible for full medicaid or medicare parts A or B or D. When this occurs, termination of plan membership takes effect at the end of the last day of the month in which the member became ineligible.

(2) The member's permanent place of residence is moved outside the plan's service area. When this occurs, termination of plan membership takes effect at the end of the last day of the month in which the member moved from the service area.

(3) The member dies, in which case the period of plan membership ends on the date of death.

(4) The member is incarcerated for either more than fifteen working days or is incarcerated and has accessed non-emergent medical care. When this occurs and after the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) receives notification from the member's plan, a county department of job and family services (CDJFS), or other public agency, termination of plan membership takes effect the last day of the month prior to incarceration.

(5) The member is found by ODM to meet the criteria for an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IID) level of care and is then placed in an ICF-IID facility or enrolled in an ICF-IID qualified waiver. After the plan notifies ODM that this has occurred, termination of plan membership takes effect on the last day of the month preceding placement in the ICF-IID facility or enrollment on the ICF-IID waiver.

(6) The member has third party coverage, excepting medicare coverage, and ODM determines that it is not in the best interest of the member to continue in the plan. When this occurs the effective date of termination shall be determined by ODM but in no event shall the termination date be later than the last day of the month in which ODM approves the termination.

(7) The provider agreement between ODM and the plan is terminated or not renewed. When this occurs, the effective date of termination shall be the end of the last day of the month of the provider agreement termination or nonrenewal.

(8) The member is not eligible for enrollment in a plan for one of the reasons set forth in rule 5160-58-02 of the Administrative Code.

(B) All of the following apply when membership in a MyCare Ohio plan is terminated for any of the reasons set forth in paragraph (A) of this rule:

(1) Such terminations may occur either in a mandatory or voluntary service area;

(2) All such terminations occur at the individual level;

(3) Such terminations do not require completion of a consumer contact record (CCR).

(4) If ODM fails to notify the plan of a member's termination from the plan, ODM shall continue to pay the plan the applicable monthly premium rate for the member. The plan shall remain liable for the provision of covered services as set forth in rule 5101:3-58-03 of the Administrative Code, until such time as ODM provides the plan with documentation of the member's termination.

(5) ODM shall recover from the plan any premium paid for retroactive membership termination occurring as a result of paragraph (A) of this rule.

(6) A member may lose medicaid eligibility during an annual open enrollment period, and thus become temporarily unable to change to a different plan. If the member then regains medicaid eligibility, he or she may request to change plans within thirty days following reenrollment in the plan.

(C) Member-initiated terminations

(1) A dual-benefits member may request disenrollment from the plan and transfer between plans on a month-to-month basis any time during the year. Plan coverage continues until the end of the month of disenrollment.

(2) A medicaid-only member may request a different plan in a mandatory service as follows:

(a) From the date of initial enrollment through the first three months of plan membership, whether the first three months of enrollment are dual-benefits or medicaid-only membership periods;

(b) During an open enrollment month for the member's service area as described in paragraph (E) of this rule; or

(c) At any time, if the just cause request meets one of the reasons for just cause as specified in paragraph (C)(4)(e) of this rule.

(3) A medicaid-only member may request a different plan if available or be returned to medicaid fee-for-service in a voluntary service area as follows:

(a) From the date of enrollment through the initial three months of plan membership;

(b) During an open enrollment month for the member's service area as described in paragraph (E) of this rule; or

(c) At any time, if the just cause request meets one of the reasons for just cause as specified in paragraph (C)(4)(e) of this rule.

(4) The following provisions apply when a member either requests a different plan in a mandatory service area or requests disenrollment in a voluntary service area:

(a) The request may be made by the member, or by the member's authorized representative, as defined in rule 5160-58-01 of the Administrative Code.

(b) All member-initiated changes or terminations must be voluntary. Plans are not permitted to encourage members to change or terminate enrollment due to a member's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, veteran's status, military status, genetic information, ancestry, ethnicity, mental ability, behavior, mental or physical disability, use of services, claims experience, appeals, medical history, evidence of insurability, geographic location within the service area, health status or need for health services. Plans may not use a policy or practice that has the effect of discrimination on the basis of the above criteria.

(c) If a member requests disenrollment because he or she is a member of a federally-recognized tribe, as described in 42 CFR 438.50(d)(2) (October 18, 2013), the member will be disenrolled after the member notifies the consumer hotline.

(d) Disenrollment will take effect on the last day of the calendar month as specified by an ODM-produced 834 electronic data interchange (EDI) transaction to the plan.

(e) In accordance with 42 C.F.R. 438.56(d)(2) (October 18, 2013), a change or termination of plan membership may be permitted for any of the following just cause reasons:

(i) The member moves out of the plan's service area and a non-emergency service must be provided out of the service area before the effective date of a termination that occurs for one of the reasons set forth in paragraph (A) of this rule;

(ii) The plan does not, for moral or religious objections, cover the service the member seeks;

(iii) The member needs related services to be performed at the same time in a coordinated manner; however, not all related services are available within the plan

network, and the member's PCP or another provider determines that receiving services separately would subject the member to unnecessary risk;

(iv) The member has experienced poor quality of care and the services are not available from another provider within the plan's network;

(v) The member cannot access medically necessary medicaid-covered services or cannot access the type of providers experienced in dealing with the member's health care needs;

(vi) The PCP selected by a member leaves the plan's network and is the only available and accessible PCP in the plan who speaks the primary language of the member, and another PCP speaking the member's language is available and accessible in another plan in the member's service area; or

(vii) ODM determines that continued membership in the plan would be harmful to the interests of the member.

(f) The following provisions apply when a member seeks a change or termination in plan membership for just cause:

(i) The member or an authorized representatives must contact the plan to identify providers of services before seeking a determination of just cause from ODM.

(ii) The member may make the request for just cause directly to ODM or an ODM-approved entity, either orally or in writing.

(iii) ODM shall review all requests for just cause within seven working days of receipt. ODM may request documentation as necessary from both the member and the plan. ODM shall make a decision within ten working days of receipt of all necessary documentation, or forty-five days from the date ODM receives the just cause request. If ODM fails to make the determination within this timeframe, the just cause request is considered approved.

(iv) ODM may establish retroactive termination dates and/or recover premium payments as determined necessary and appropriate.

(v) Regardless of the procedures followed, the effective date of an approved just cause request must be no later than the first day of the second month following the month in which the member requests change or termination.

(vi) If the just cause request is not approved, ODM shall notify the member or the authorized representative of the member's right to a state hearing.

(vii) Requests for just cause may be processed at the individual level or case level as ODM determines necessary and appropriate.

(viii) If a member submits a request to change or terminate membership for just cause, and the member loses medicaid eligibility prior to action by ODM on the request, ODM shall assure that the member's plan membership is not automatically renewed if eligibility for medicaid is reauthorized.

(D) The following provisions apply when a termination in plan membership is initiated by a plan for a medicaid-only member:

(1) A plan may submit a request to ODM for the termination of a member for the following reasons:

(a) Fraudulent behavior by the member; or

(b) Uncooperative or disruptive behavior by the member or someone acting on the member's behalf to the extent that such behavior seriously impairs the plan's ability to provide services to either the member or other plan members.

(2) The plan may not request termination due to a member's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, veteran's status, military status, genetic information, ancestry, ethnicity, mental ability, behavior, mental or physical disability, use of services, claims experience, appeals, medical history, evidence of insurability, geographic location within the service area, health status or need for health services.

(3) The plan must provide covered services to a terminated member through the last day of the month in which the plan membership is terminated.

(4) If ODM approves the plan's request for termination, ODM shall notify in writing the member, the authorized representative, the medicaid consumer hotline and the plan.

(E) Open Enrollment

Open enrollment months will occur at least annually. At least sixty days prior to the designated open enrollment month, ODM will notify eligible individuals by mail of the opportunity to change or terminate membership in a plan and will explain how the individual can obtain further information.

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