

HFP ENROLLMENT CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2007

No Initial Premium Payment – HFP no longer requires that a family submit their initial premium with the application. After HFP has determined the child is eligible and enrolled, the family is billed for their monthly premium.

Alternate Assignment of Plans – If a family does NOT make a health, dental or vision plan selection, HFP will make attempts to contact the family for a selection. If HFP is unsuccessful in getting a plan selection from the family, the child will be enrolled in the Community Provider Plan if the health plan is missing and enrolled in available dental or vision plans on an alternating basis.

Impact of 2006/07 Budget Streamlined Enrollment Changes							
	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Total
No Initial Premium Payment	15,342	13,088	14,900	14,003	14,267	13,795	85,395
Alt Assignment of Plans	1,818	1,879	2,300	2,204	2,193	2,092	12,486
Both	1,575	1,551	1,873	1,761	1,771	1,540	10,071
Grand Total	18,735	16,518	19,073	17,968	18,231	17,427	107,952

Note: data presented represent the number of children enrolled

Benefits of Enrollment Changes:

- * **Eliminates delays in enrollment** from having to wait for the initial premium payment or plan selection.
- * **Reduces the number of uninsured children** by eliminating frustrating program requirements for eligible children. Parent may not follow through with the additional requirements.
- * There was a **16% increase in the average monthly enrollment** in the 6 months after streamlined enrollment changes in comparison to the previous 6 months (26,651 per month January-June 2007 and 22,953 July-December 2006).

- * Eliminating the initial payment and ability to auto-assign into a plan, resulted in a **8.3% monthly decrease in the applications that were closed out as incomplete** in the 6 months after streamlined enrollment changes in comparison to the previous 6 months.
- * There was a **44% monthly decrease in the number of refund checks** in the 6 months after streamlined enrollment changes in comparison to the previous 6 months because HFP will now bill the family AFTER the child has been determined eligible and enrolled into the program.
- * HFP noted a **14% reduction in disenrollments due to non-payment** in the 6 months after implementation compared to the previous 6 months. This demonstrates that HFP families are paying the premiums due.

Conclusion:

The administrative changes have had a positive impact in eliminating delays in children's coverage and reducing the number of uninsured children by reducing the percentage of incomplete or closed applications and reducing the percentage of refunds that are necessary. The streamlined enrollment changes have been a contributing factor to the increased and streamlined Healthy Families Program enrollment.