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## General Information About KidsCare Premiums

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## Policy

Children enrolled in KidsCare are charged a monthly premium based on the Income Group's total income and the number of children enrolled in KidsCare.

Native Americans and Alaska Natives who prove their tribal enrollment are not charged a premium.

### Proof of Tribal Enrollment

Native Americans and Alaska Natives who qualify for FTW must provide proof of tribal enrollment to be exempt from monthly premium charges. Proof of enrollment or tribal membership includes:

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood;

Tribal ID;

Tribal Census Record; and

Other document provided by the tribe stating that the person is an enrolled member of the tribe.

If a person claiming to be a Native American or Alaska Native does not provide proof of tribal enrollment, the premium exemption does not apply and a premium may be charged.

Eligibility is not denied because there is no proof of tribal enrollment.

If a person is approved with a premium and later provides proof of tribal enrollment, the customer's ethnicity is changed to "Native American" so that the person will not have to pay a premium beginning the month after the month the change is made to allow the premium exemption beginning with the next prospective month.

## KidsCare Premiums

Listed below are the monthly premium amounts for children:

Household Size	Income Less Than or Equal to 150% FPL	Income Greater Than 150% But Less Than or Equal to 175%	Income Greater Than 175% But Less Than or Equal to 200%
1	\$0.00-\$1,437.00	\$1,437.01-\$1,676.00	\$1,676.01-\$1,915.00
2	\$0.00-\$1,939.00	\$1,939.01-\$2,262.00	\$2,262.01-\$2,585.00
3	\$0.00-\$2,442.00	\$2,442.01-\$2,849.00	\$2,849.01-\$3,255.00
4	\$0.00-\$2,944.00	\$2,944.01-\$3,435.00	\$3,435.01-\$3,925.00
5	\$0.00-\$3,447.00	\$3,447.01-\$4,021.00	\$4,021.01-\$4,595.00
6	\$0.00-\$3,949.00	\$3,949.01-\$4,607.00	\$4,607.01-\$5,265.00
7	\$0.00-\$4,452.00	\$4,452.01-\$5,194.00	\$5,194.01-\$5,935.00
8	\$0.00-\$4,954.00	\$4,954.01-\$5,780.00	\$5,780.01-\$6,605.00
9	\$0.00-\$5,457.00	\$5,457.01-\$6,366.00	\$6,366.01-\$7,275.00
10	\$0.00-\$5,959.00	\$5,959.01-\$6,952.00	\$6,952.01-\$7,945.00
	Add \$503.00	Add \$586.00	Add \$670.00

<b>Each Additional Customer</b>			
<b>Premium Amount for Children</b>	One Child \$10.00/More Than One Child \$15.00	One Child \$40.00/More Than One Child \$60.00	One Child \$50.00/More Than One Child \$70.00

**Premium for Cases with Multiple Income Groups**

A case may consist of multiple income groups. The monthly premium amount for a child is based on the income group with the highest income level and the number of eligible children in income groups. This means that instead of having a separate premium for each income group, the case will only be charged one premium that covers everyone in that case.

<Premium for Cases with Multiple Income Groups Example>

**Definitions**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
KidsCare	KidsCare is for uninsured children under age 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid.

**Programs and Legal Authorities**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Legal Authorities</b>
KidsCare	42 USC 1397bb(b) 42 CFR 457.Subpart E

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## Premium Billing and Payment

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## Policy

The AHCCCS Division of Business and Finance (DBF) receives premium information and mails a bill for the premium to the customer on the 1st day of each month. If the 1st day of the month is a weekend or holiday, the bills are mailed on the first working day.

The monthly billing statement notifies the customer of:

The children enrolled in KidsCare;

The date covered;

The total amount due; and

Premium due date.

### When Are Premium Payments Due?

Premiums are due by the 15th of the month for the current month's eligibility.

If the balance is not paid before the first of the following month, the next premium billing statement includes the:

Current month's premium(s);

The past due amount; and

Information about the premium hardship waiver ([MA1207.D](#)) if there is a past due amount for the child's premium.

See [MA1207.C](#) for additional information about non-payment of premiums.

### How Can Payments be Made?

The customer or anyone else may pay the premium by:

- Cashier's check;
- Personal check;
- Money order; or
- Credit or debit card.

JTE Health-e-Arizona Plus (HEAplus) allows customers to pay their premiums online using either a debit card or credit card.

Premiums may be made in advance. For example, the customer may pay quarterly, bi-annually or annually.

SEE <[HOW TO LOCATE HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT BALANCES](#)> FOR INFORMATION ON THE HOUSEHOLD'S ACCOUNT BALANCE OR LAST PAYMENT RECEIVED.

### Premium Changes

A change in income, number of members in the household, or the number of children who are KidsCare eligible may affect the premium amount.

Changes in premium are effective the month following the month the change is proven. However, if the premium amount increases, notice must be issued to inform the household of the increase at least 10 days before the first day of the following month. If there is not enough time to issue the 10-day notice, the increase does not change until the first day of the month after that.

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## Definitions

Term	Definition
Division of Business and Finance (DBF)	DBF is responsible for the billing, collection, and tracking of premium payments

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## Programs and Legal Authorities

Program	Legal Authorities
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## C Non-Payment of Premiums

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2) Reapplication with Past Due Premiums

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## Policy

If payments for children in the household are received in full, the children remain eligible for KidsCare. If one month total payment is received, the children remain eligible.

If less than one month total premium payment is received, the Division of Business and Finance (DBF) applies the amount of debt to the children.

The children remain eligible if the remaining balance due is not more than one month behind.

If payments for children in the household fall more than one month behind, the children's eligibility will end.

A discontinuance notice is sent with the past due premium amount and an explanation that if the entire outstanding balance is paid before the effective date, coverage will continue.

### 1) Payment Received Before Discontinuance Date

At the end of the month, if the balance is paid or waived, eligibility is continued.

### 2) Reapplication with Past Due Premiums

There is a 90 day lock-out period for unpaid past due premiums. Children are permitted to re-enroll in KidsCare as soon as their premiums are paid or at the end of the lock-out period, whichever comes first.

If unpaid past due premiums are found at time of reapplication, a KidsCare Billing and Collection request for payment letter is sent to the Primary Informant (PI). The letter explains the conditions for re-enrollment.

## Definitions

Term	Definition
KidsCare	KidsCare is for uninsured children under age 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid.
KidsCare Premium	A premium is calculated for all customers who qualify for KidsCare.
Discontinuance Notice	A written notice sent to customers. This notice tells the customer that their coverage is ending.
Lock-Out Period	Under federal law, children who are have their KidsCare eligibility discontinued for unpaid premiums are permitted to re-enroll in KidsCare as soon as their premiums are paid or at the end of 90 days.

## Programs and Legal Authorities

Program	Legal Authorities
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## Premium Hardship Waiver for KidsCare

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### Policy

A person may request to waive a child's premium for the prior or current month due to a hardship in the month. If the premium is waived for the current month, the premium for the prior month is also waived even if there are no expenses in that month.

The Primary Informant (PI) must have paid the expense during the month the premium is waived. If the premium is waived and the customer does not pay the expense, the premium cannot be waived again using the same expense.

FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES FOR **HOW TO PROCESS PREMIUM HARDSHIP WAIVER REQUESTS.**

A hardship exists if a member of the income group died or the income group has one or more of the following expenses which exceed 10% of the countable gross income of the income group:

Medically necessary expenses for any member of the income group that insurance did not pay for. Medically necessary means a covered service provided by a physician or other licensed practitioner to prevent disease, disability, or other adverse health conditions or their progression or prolong life;

Health insurance premiums for any member of the income group;

Unexpected expenses for repairs to the home. Repairs include items such as fixing a leaky roof, replacing a non-working air conditioner, repairing plumbing, etc. Repairs do not include remodeling or redecorating; or

Expenses for repairs to an income group member's transportation so the individual can get to work. This does not include routine maintenance such as tune-ups, oil changes, etc.

### Proof

The PI's statement on the written request as proof of income and death of an income group member is accepted.

The PI must provide proof of the expense(s). Proof of the expense(s) includes a copy of the bill or receipt that shows the type, date, and amount of the expense. An estimate is not considered proof.

### Re-Evaluate Waiver at Renewal

If the premium is currently waived on an ongoing basis, the hardship waiver will be reviewed again at time of renewal even if benefits are being discontinued. If the children remain eligible for the hardship waiver and appeal the discontinuance, the premium is waived during the appeal process.

Follow the procedures for [How to Re-evaluate Premium Hardship at Renewal](#).

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## Definitions

Term	Definition
KidsCare	KidsCare is for uninsured children under age 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid.
KidsCare Premium	A premium is calculated for all customers who qualify for KidsCare.
Hardship Waiver	Customers with a financial hardship may qualify to have the KidsCare premium waived.

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## Programs and Legal Authorities

Program	Legal Authorities

KidsCare	42 USC 1397bb(b)  42 CFR 457.Subpart E  ARS 36-2903.01(D)(4) and 36-2982  AAC R9-31-303
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## E Premiums During 12-Month Guarantee and Appeals Process

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2) 12- Month Guarantee Notice

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4) Premiums During Appeal

5) Appeal Due to Premium Increase

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## Policy

A child who is eligible solely due to the 12-month guarantee period is counted in the premium calculation.

### 1) 12-Month Guarantee Premium Amount

When a child is eligible due to the guarantee period, the premium amount is recalculated based on the number of children who remain either KidsCare eligible or who are eligible under the guarantee period. One premium amount is calculated for all children in the case. If the income budgeted exceeds the limit, maximum premium amount is used.

### 2) 12- Month Guarantee Notice

A KidsCare Guarantee Notice is sent indicating that benefits are continuing under the guarantee period and the revised premium amount.

### 3) Non-Payment

For non-payment of premiums during the 12-month guarantee period see [MA1207.C](#).

### 4) Premiums During Appeal

When a customer wants to have KidsCare continued during the appeal process, the customer must:

- Request a hearing prior to the effective date of discontinuance;

- Pay the full monthly premium amount prior to the date of the discontinuance; and
- Continue to pay the full monthly premium amount each month during the hearing process.

If the payment is not received by the end of the month, coverage will be stopped for the remainder of the fair hearing period.

### 5) Appeal Due to Premium Increase

If a customer appeals an increase in the KidsCare premium and the hearing request is received prior to the effective date of the premium increase, restore the premium amount to the lower amount until a hearing decision is made. The customer must pay the premium throughout the hearing process.

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### Definitions

Term	Definition
Guaranteed Enrollment Period	Available to customers of certain AHCCCS Medical Assistance programs who are enrolled with a health plan for the first time and become ineligible prior to enrollment.
Appeal	An action that may go through the hearing process.

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### Programs and Legal Authorities

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