

Par.1. **Material Transmitted and Purpose** – Transmitted with this Manual Letter are changes to Service Chapter 510

Par. 2. **Effective Date** – Changes included in this manual letter are effective on or after April 1, 2024, unless otherwise indicated.

Refugee Medical Assistance Program 510-05-95-20

1. Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) Program changes below are due to a change in the Refugee Medical Assistance Program. RMA will cover individuals up to 200% of the FPL. RMA Med Needy will be provided to RMA individuals over 200% FPL.

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1. A refugee who meets all Medicaid eligibility criteria must be enrolled in Medicaid, including Optional Children's Group (CHIP) except:
 - Individuals who would be eligible for Medicaid with a client share will be enrolled in Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) instead of Medicaid Med Needy.
2. RMA provides health care coverage for legally admitted refugees:
 - Who are not eligible for Medicaid, including the Optional Children's Group (CHIP).
 - Who are no longer eligible for Medicaid during the first twelve months in the country due to increase in earnings.
 - The individual will be transferred to RMA without a review of eligibility.
3. RMA:
 - Is limited to twelve months.
 - The month of US entry is considered month 1 of the 12-month period.
 - Covers legally admitted refugees with income up to 200% FPL.
 - RMA Med Needy covers individuals with income over 200% FPL

4. RMA individuals:

- Who receive a refugee cash assistance payment and are not eligible for Medicaid or Optional Children's Group (CHIP) are eligible for RMA without regard to any other eligibility tests.
- Continue to be eligible without regard to increases in earned income until the end of the twelve-month period.
- Eligible for RMA Med Needy with a client share will not have an increase in client share if their income increases. The client share can decrease if income decreases or expenses increase.

Note: Reference policy 510-05-35-58 (Qualified Aliens) for a list of eligible groups who qualify under RMA.

Note: Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) eligibility policy is located at 510-03-55-05.

- ~~1. The Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMA) provides health care coverage for legally admitted refugees who are not eligible for Medicaid, including the Option Children's Group.~~
- ~~2. The Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMA) is available during the first twelve months a refugee is in the United States or the first twelve months after an asylee has been granted asylum.~~
- ~~3. A refugee who meets all Medicaid eligibility criteria, including need, must be enrolled in Medicaid instead of the Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMA).~~

~~A refugee that does not meet the technical requirements to be eligible for Medicaid can be enrolled in the RMA program if they have a medical need that equals or exceeds their client share. RMA individuals follow the same criteria as regular Medicaid with regard to "need".~~

- ~~4. Eligibility under Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMA) is limited to the following:-~~
 - ~~a. Asylee's are limited to twelve months of coverage under the Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMA). The date an asylee is granted asylum (regardless of the actual date of entry) is considered the date the asylee entered the country and is the first month of the twelve-month period.~~
 - ~~b. Other legally admitted refugees are limited to twelve months of coverage under the Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMA). Legally admitted refugees who want continued~~

~~medical coverage must have their eligibility determined under Medicaid, including Expansion or Option Children's Group.~~

- ~~5. Eligibility for Refugee Medical Assistance is determined using medically needy income and asset methodologies and limits, except:
 - ~~a. Legally admitted refugees who receive a refugee cash assistance payment (administered through ND Department of Human Services) and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, including Expansion or Optional Children's Group are eligible for Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) without regard to any other eligibility tests;~~
 - ~~b. Legally admitted refugees who are determined eligible for Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) continue to be eligible without regard to increases in earned income until the end of the twelve-month period; and~~
 - ~~c. Legally admitted refugees who are determined eligible for Medicaid and become eligible for Medicaid during the first twelve months in the country due to increased earnings must be transferred to the RMA program without any eligibility determination/re-determination. Any earned income will not affect their RMA eligibility for the remainder of the twelve-month period.~~~~
- ~~6. A legally admitted refugee who has income above the medically needy income level will have a client share. Because increases in income do not affect eligibility, the client share will remain the same for the duration of the RMA eligibility, except that the client share can decrease if income decreases or expenses increase.~~
- ~~7. There are several groups of individuals who enter the US and are included under the 'Refugee' Category. These individuals may be eligible for Refugee Medical Assistance(RMA) for the first 12 months upon entry to the US. The month of US Entry is considered month 1 of the 12-month period.~~

Note: ~~Reference policy 510-05-35-58 (Qualified Aliens) for a list of eligible groups who qualify under the 'Refugee' category.~~

Note: ~~For guidance on eligibility for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM), refer to policy 510-03-55-05.~~