

Attention: Employees & Retirees

Please be advised that CMS will administer the Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit, also known as DEVA, beginning January through September 2020



Who Will be affected?

- What is DEVA? DEVA is the Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit which authenticates through records of proof that all the lives supported through State tax dollars for health insurance benefits are in fact, eligible for Membership.
- Who will this address? The eligibility of Dependents of Members of the State of Illinois Employees Group Insurance Program (SEGIP), the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP), the College Insurance Program (CIP), and of the Local Government Health Plan (LGHP).
- When? Members will be audited January—September of 2020. CMS previously administered a DEVA audit in 2015.
- The DEVA audit will be divided into three phases addressing three groups: Retired Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) Members, Employees and Retiree Members over the course of a year (**anyone failing to recertify will be terminated**):

Phase 1: Retirees not covered by Medicare (Jan. 27 — Mar. 20; Failure to recertify terminations effective 4/1/20)

Phase 2: Employees (Mar. 3 — Apr. 25; Failure to recertify terminations effective 5/1/20)

Phase 3: Retirees covered by a Medicare Advantage plan (Jul. 28—Sept. 24; Failure to recertify terminations effective 10/1/20)

Who Will NOT be affected?

- This audit will **not** verify natural child dependents who were previously verified during the 2015 audit.

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MEMBER NOTIFICATION:

- Members will receive a total of three (3) letters via US Mail
 1. First Initial Notification of DEVA Compliance Notice
 2. Reminder Notification will be sent 15 days later if compliance has not been met
 3. Final Notification will be sent 30 days later if compliance has not been met
- The CMS and MyBenefits websites will both post notifications regarding this through "Latest News."
- An electronic notification for all Members registered with emails will be sent concerning the initial notification.
- Members will have the opportunity to upload documentation electronically through the AuditOS.com

DEPENDENT TYPES:

- Spouse
- Domestic Partner (applies to State group only)
- Children under age 26, including stepchildren and children of a civil union partner
- Disabled Children age 26 and older
- Dependents added prior to 1983* (applies to State group only)

* An unmarried individual continuously enrolled as a dependent of the employee in the State Employees Group Insurance Program since 2/11/1983 with no break in coverage and eligible to be claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes by the employee.

BACKGROUND:

- Who will conduct this audit? HMS Employer Solutions will conduct the audit.
- Why? To be good stewards of the State of Illinois in ensuring compliance of State and Federal laws and protecting tax dollars. The 2015 DEVA Audit resulted in \$32m in Benefit savings for taxpayers.