



Policy Clarification 2021-08-01

Title: MediKan 12 Month Fixed Coverage Period

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Program(s) Impacted: Elderly and Disabled Program - MediKan

The purpose of this document is to clarify Medical KEESM 2645 regarding the 12-month fixed coverage period for MediKan.

The MediKan program is limited to a lifetime 12-month coverage period. Historically, this was believed to be a 12-month coverage period that could stop and resume depending on the individual's eligibility determination. However, the correct interpretation of this policy per [PM2014-01-01](#), section 3.2, is that once determined eligible for MediKan, the lifetime 12-month fixed coverage period begins with the first day of coverage and continues consecutively for 12 months regardless of the individual's eligibility status.

This does not mean that MediKan coverage will continue if a change is reported rendering the individual otherwise ineligible and they are discontinued from MediKan. MediKan coverage may be discontinued if determined otherwise ineligible, however, the fixed coverage period of 12 months does not stop.

If determined eligible again for MediKan during the fixed 12-month coverage period, MediKan coverage may be reinstated through the end of the coverage period. Coverage may not continue past the 12-month coverage period that was initiated with the first MediKan approval. Nor should a new fixed 12-month coverage period be established if redetermined eligible.

Note: Coverage months under the MediKan Reintegration program do not count against the 12-month lifetime MediKan coverage period per Medical KEESM 2645. Nor does MediKan Reintegration approval start the fixed coverage period for regular MediKan.

Example 1: Individual is approved for MediKan effective 7/1/2021. The 12-month fixed coverage period is 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022. On 8/4/2021, the individual contacts the agency to report a change in resources. Once verified, the individual is discontinued for excess resources effective 8/31/2021. On 10/23/2021 the individual reapplies and provides the agency with proof that their resources are within the \$2,000 resource limit. MediKan is again authorized effective 10/1/2021 and will continue through 6/30/2022 when the 12-month fixed coverage period ends. Although the individual was over resources and not receiving MediKan for the month of 09/2021 the lifetime 12-month coverage period continued to run during that time.

Example 2: Individual is approved for MediKan effective 10/1/2020. The 12-month fixed coverage period is 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021. On 3/12/2021, the individual contacts the agency to advise they have moved out of state. Coverage is discontinued effective 3/31/2021 due to out of state residency. On 7/21/2021, the individual reapplies and reports a Kansas address. They are determined otherwise eligible and MediKan is authorized effective 7/1/2021. MediKan coverage will continue through 9/30/2021. Although they were discontinued due to residency, the lifetime 12-month fixed coverage period continued to run during the time they were out of state, even though there was no active coverage received during that time.

Example 3: Same scenario as Example 2, however, the individual reapplies and reports a Kansas address on 10/4/2021. Since this is outside of the lifetime 12-month fixed coverage period, the 12-month fixed coverage period has lapsed and MediKan coverage may not be granted. Coverage under another program should be determined and denied if the applicant fails to meet program requirements.

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