

1.12 CONTINUOUSLY ELIGIBLE NEWBORN (CEN) CHILDREN

A. APPLICATION FORM

No application is required for CEN Children who are born to Medicaid eligible women. See Chapter 16.

B. THE REDETERMINATION PROCESS

NOTE: The redetermination for the CEN child is scheduled in the month before the month the child becomes one year old to ensure that the child is evaluated for all coverage groups. Under no circumstances must the child who meets the definition of as a CEN be terminated before the end of the 12th month. See Chapter 16.

The CEN child redetermination may be accomplished by mailing form OFS-PW-4 to the client. A letter of explanation, devised by the county office, must accompany the OFS-PW-4. It must explain, at a minimum, the following:

- That the CEN child case is due for redetermination
- The address to which the form and information must be returned
- The date by which the form must be returned
- Any verification which must be returned with the form
- That the case will be closed after proper notification, if the redetermination is not completed
- That the client may come into or telephone the office, if he requires assistance completing the redetermination form

When the client is in the office to complete a redetermination for another program, the CEN child redetermination is completed at the same time. The redetermination is completed using the OFS-2, when required for the other Program.

When the redetermination is completed and the individual(s) remains eligible under another coverage group, the new eligibility period must begin the month immediately following the month of the redetermination.

C. THE BENEFIT

1. Initial Benefit

The first medical card generated by the data system shows eligibility through the end of the current month.

2. Ongoing Benefit

A new medical card for the CEN is received on approximately the first day of each month.

3. Ending Date Of Eligibility

The ending date of eligibility is the last day of the month of the effective date of closure.