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**SUBJECT: RE-ENROLLMENT IN SCI AFTER SHORT-TERM AWARD OF
MEDICAID OR MEDICARE**

State Coverage Insurance (SCI) policy dictates that an individual is not eligible for SCI if he/she is eligible for other Medicaid categories (per 8.262.400.19 NMAC). When an SCI member receives Medicaid (JUL, Medicaid extension 004, etc.) or Medicare, including retroactively, SCI eligibility is closed back to the time when Medicaid/Medicare coverage begins.

Due to state and federal funding issues, new enrollment in the SCI program is currently being managed through a waiting list process (per 8.262.400.10 NMAC).

However, if an SCI member was awarded Medicaid or Medicare coverage for a short period of time (less than 6 months) and SCI eligibility was subsequently closed as a result, then the individual may request that SCI eligibility be re-determined. If determined to be still eligible for SCI, the individual may be allowed to come back on SCI without being subject to waiting list provisions.

Per regulation policy Subsection B of 8.262.400.14 NMAC, in order to re-determine eligibility for SCI and waive the waiting list requirement, the individual's case must meet the below criteria:

- (1) must have received full-coverage Medicaid or Medicare eligibility for six months or less and had such eligibility closed sometime during the six months prior to re-application for SCI;
- (2) must be determined ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare; and
- (3) must have had SCI eligibility and completed the enrollment process with an SCI MCO for some period of time during the six months prior to re-application.

Upon meeting the above criteria, individuals must submit an updated SCI application, including income information from the most recent 30 days, to the SCI income support division unit. If determined to be still eligible for SCI, these individuals will not be subject the SCI waiting list and may re-enroll with the MCO, providing any required premium due is paid.

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