



Rite Care State Law Changes

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Overview of Changes

- Non-citizen children ineligible for RItE Care after 1-1-07 unless they received benefits prior to 12-31-06
- Resource test: \$10,000 in liquid assets
- Transitional Medical Assistance period reduced from 18 months to 12 months

Resource Test



- Resource Limit = \$10,000 in liquid resources
- Does not apply to pregnant women or to Katie Beckett children
- Liquid resources = bank accounts, money market accounts...
- Educational savings and retirement accounts are excluded



Transitional Medical Assistance

- Provided to families that become ineligible for FIP due to earnings
- During TMA family does not pay premium
- 18 month TMA reduced to 12 months
- At 7th month must provide proof of earnings
- At end of TMA transition to Rite Care

Non-citizen children

Who is affected?

- Undocumented
- Legal permanent residents in US less than 5 years
- Other legally present (e.g., Temporary Protected Status – Liberians)

Non-citizen children

What is the change?

- Beginning January 1, 2007, a non-citizen child cannot receive Rite Care unless she/he received Rite Care at some time prior to 12/31/06
- Children on the program as of 12/31/06 will stay on.



Summary of Eligibility

Until 12/31/06

Beginning 1/1/07

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Eligible

If received RC prior to
12/31/06 OR
if in US for 5 years

Other Legal

Eligible

If received RC prior to
12/31/06

Undocumented

Eligible

If received RI prior to
12/31/06