

441—92.6 (249A,249J) Effective date. The department shall issue Form 470-4164, IowaCare Medical Card, to persons enrolled in the IowaCare program.

92.6(1) *Certification period.* IowaCare eligibility shall be effective on the first day of the month of application or the first day of the month all eligibility requirements are met, whichever is later. The certification period shall continue for 12 consecutive months or, for women and newborns eligible under 92.2(1) “b” or “c,” until 60 days after the birth of the child.

92.6(2) *Retroactive eligibility.* IowaCare benefits shall also be available for the month preceding the month in which the application is filed if during that preceding month:

a. The applicant received Medicaid expansion services from a provider within the Medicaid expansion network; and

b. The applicant would have been eligible for IowaCare if application had been made.

92.6(3) *Care provided before eligibility.* No payment shall be made for medical care received before the effective date of eligibility.

92.6(4) *Reinstatement.* Eligibility for IowaCare may be reinstated without a new application when all information necessary to establish eligibility, including verification of any changes, is provided within 14 calendar days of the effective date of the cancellation. If the fourteenth calendar day falls on a weekend or state holiday, the client shall have until the next business day to provide the information. When eligibility can be reestablished, assistance shall be reinstated with an effective date of the first day of the month following the month of cancellation.

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