

**441—86.6 (514I) Selection of a plan.** At the time of initial application, if there is more than one participating plan available in the child's county of residence, the applicant shall select the plan in which the applicant wishes to enroll as part of the eligibility process. The enrollee may change plans only at the time of the annual review unless the provisions of subrule 86.7(1) or paragraph 86.6(2) "a" apply. The applicant may designate the plan choice verbally or in writing. Form 470-3574, Selection of Plan, may be used for this purpose but is not required.

**86.6(1) Coverage in another county's plan.** If a child traditionally travels to another county to receive medical care, the applicant may choose to participate in the plan available in the county in which the child receives medical care.

**86.6(2) Period of enrollment.** Once enrolled in a plan, the child shall remain enrolled in the selected plan for a period of 12 months unless:

*a.* There is a substantial change in the provider panel of the health plan originally chosen, as determined by the board. A substantial change means, but is not limited to, loss of a contracted hospital or provider group. When there is another participating health plan available in the child's county of residence, the child may disenroll from the current plan and enroll in the other health plan.

*b.* The child is disenrolled in accordance with the provisions of rule 441—86.7(514I). If a child is disenrolled from the plan and subsequently reapplies before the end of the original 12-month enrollment period, the child shall be enrolled in the plan from which the child was originally disenrolled unless the provisions of subrule 86.7(1) apply.

*c.* The child is added to an existing enrollment. When a family requests to add an eligible child, the child shall be enrolled for the months remaining in the current enrollment period.

**86.6(3) Failure to select a plan.** When more than one plan is available, if the applicant fails to select a plan within ten working days of the written request to make a selection, the third-party administrator shall select the plan and notify the family of the enrollment. The third-party administrator shall select the plan on a rotating basis to ensure an equitable distribution between participating plans.

If the third-party administrator has assigned a child a plan, the family has 30 days to request enrollment into another participating plan. All changes shall be made prospectively and shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month of the request. If the family has not requested a change of enrollment into another available plan within 30 days, the provisions of 86.6(2) shall apply.