

441—86.8(514I) Premiums and copayments.

86.8(1) *Income considered.* The income considered in determining the premium amount will be the family's countable income using the modified adjusted gross income methodology.

86.8(2) *Premium amount.* Except as specified for supplemental dental-only coverage in subrule 86.20(3), premiums under the hawki program will be assessed as follows:

a. No premium is charged if:

- (1) The eligible child is an American Indian or Alaska Native; or
- (2) The family's countable income is less than 181 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of the same size.

b. If the family's countable income is equal to or exceeds 181 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of the same size but does not exceed 242 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of that size, the premium is \$10 per child per month with a \$20 monthly maximum per family.

c. If the family's countable income is equal to or exceeds 243 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of the same size, the premium is \$20 per child per month with a \$40 monthly maximum per family.

86.8(3) *Due date.*

a. Payment upon initial application. Upon approval of an initial application, the first month for which a premium is due is the third month following the month of decision. The due date of the first premium shall be the fifth day of the second month following the month of decision.

b. Payment upon renewal.

(1) Upon approval of a renewal, the first month for which a premium is due is the first month of the enrollment period. The premium for the first month of the enrollment period shall be due by the fifth day of the month before the month of coverage or the tenth business day following the date of decision, whichever is later.

(2) When the premium is received, the department will notify the health and dental plans of the enrollment.

c. Subsequent payments. All subsequent premiums are due by the fifth day of each month for the next month's coverage. Premiums may be paid in advance (e.g., on a quarterly or semiannual basis) rather than a monthly basis.

d. Holiday or weekend. When the premium due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the premium shall be due on the first business day following the due date.

86.8(4) *Grace period.* A grace period will be allowed on any monthly premium not received as prescribed in paragraph 86.8(3)"c." The grace period will be the month immediately following the last month for which the premium has been paid.

a. Failure to submit a premium by the last calendar day of the grace period will result in disenrollment.

b. If the premium for the grace period and the premium for the following month's coverage are subsequently received within 45 calendar days following the last calendar day of the grace period, coverage will be reinstated, effective the first day of the calendar month following the grace period, without the need to reapply for coverage.

86.8(5) *Method of premium payment.* Premiums may be submitted in the form of cash, personal checks, electronic funds transfers (EFT), or other methods established by the department.

86.8(6) *Copayment.* There will be a \$25 copayment for each emergency room visit if the child's medical condition does not meet the definition of emergency medical condition. A copayment will not be imposed when family income is less than 181 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of the same size or when the child is an eligible American Indian or Alaska Native.

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