

Status of Resolution of Audit Findings

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Finding: The Health Care Authority does not verify the continuing eligibility of Basic Health Plan subscribers in a timely manner, increasing the risk of ineligible individuals receiving Basic Health benefits.

Resolution: The Health Care Authority (HCA) addressed the finding by rewriting WAC 182-25-040(11) to better clarify the process and requirements of recertification, as follows:

- The auditor interpreted the WAC to mean the six month recertification period should be measured from the beginning of the previous recertification, rather than from the end of the previous process as is currently done. This is clarified in the updated WAC. In the interest of administrative simplification, measuring the six month period from the end of the recertification process is adequate. Following the auditor's interpretation would double the cost of recertification which HCA believes would outweigh the benefit that would be received.
- The updated WAC also clarified the methodology to determine enrollees who should receive the twice-annual recertification rather than the annual process.

The updated WAC is effective January 1, 2011.

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