


**WISCONSIN SHARES
CHILD CARE
12-MONTH ELIGIBILITY**

OVERVIEW

- The 12-Month eligibility project supports families to ensure children receive a minimum of 12 months of Child Care between eligibility determination and redetermination without placing an undue burden on families

Topics

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- Adding a child during ongoing eligibility
 - Renewals
 - Temporary Break Periods
 - Child Support Cooperation
 - Children Age 13-19
 - Authorizations

How many months of eligibility may vary based on Adverse Action rules when an eligible child is added to a case



INITIAL
ELIGIBILITY



TIMELY/LATE
RENEWALS



ADDING A CHILD

ELIGIBILITY PERIODS

Effective July 1, 2026, renewal dates will be extended when an eligible child is added to the Assistance Group. this means it could be multiple years before a child care renewal is required to be completed

- **Initial Eligibility Period:** 13 months (eligibility period)
- **Timely/Late Renewal:** 12 Months (new eligibility period)
- **Renewal extension when child is added-** 14 or 15 Months- Includes current/next month, plus new eligibility period of 13 months during ongoing eligibility when an eligible child is added to the AG. The begin date of the eligibility period is determined by Adverse Action logic.



When an eligible child is added to a case during ongoing eligibility, the assistance group may be able to receive a child care extension up to 15 months before a renewal is needed.

The newly established eligibility period is determined by Adverse Action when a child is added during ongoing eligibility.

Example of New Renewal date

Renewal extension- 14 or 15 Months- (Includes current/next month , plus new eligibility period of 13 months)

During ongoing eligibility when an eligible child is timely added to the Assistance Group

- **Before Adverse Action:** Begins next month through the same month next year,


Today is August 6 2026 when child is added: 09/01/26 to 09/30/27

- **After Adverse Action:** Begins in two months through the same month next year;


Today is August 20 when the child is added; 10/01/26 to 10/31/27

Child Support Cooperation

With the 12-Month eligibility changes, parents must be cooperating with Child Support only at application or at renewal.



Once a parent has ongoing eligible for Wis Shares, they cannot lose their Child Care eligibility because of noncooperation or non-compliance with the Child Support Agency. Eligibility will not be impacted until the next eligibility period



The process related to Good Cause is not changing

ACTIVITY BREAK PERIODS

- TBRKs are no longer limited to three months or less
- ACTS can follow a TBRK but the TBRK must be in place for a minimum of three months before ACTS is entered on the Child Care Activity Status page
- During ongoing eligibility, TBRK must be extended to the next renewal date
- A TBRK period may end when parent returns to their approved activity or the next renewal, whichever is the earlier of the two
- If a parent is in TBRK and an eligible child is added to the AG, a new renewal date is updated and TBRK is extended

No changes to policy- a child with NO authorization before a TBRK/ACTS, still cannot have an authorization, so any newly added child to the case is not eligible for an authorization.

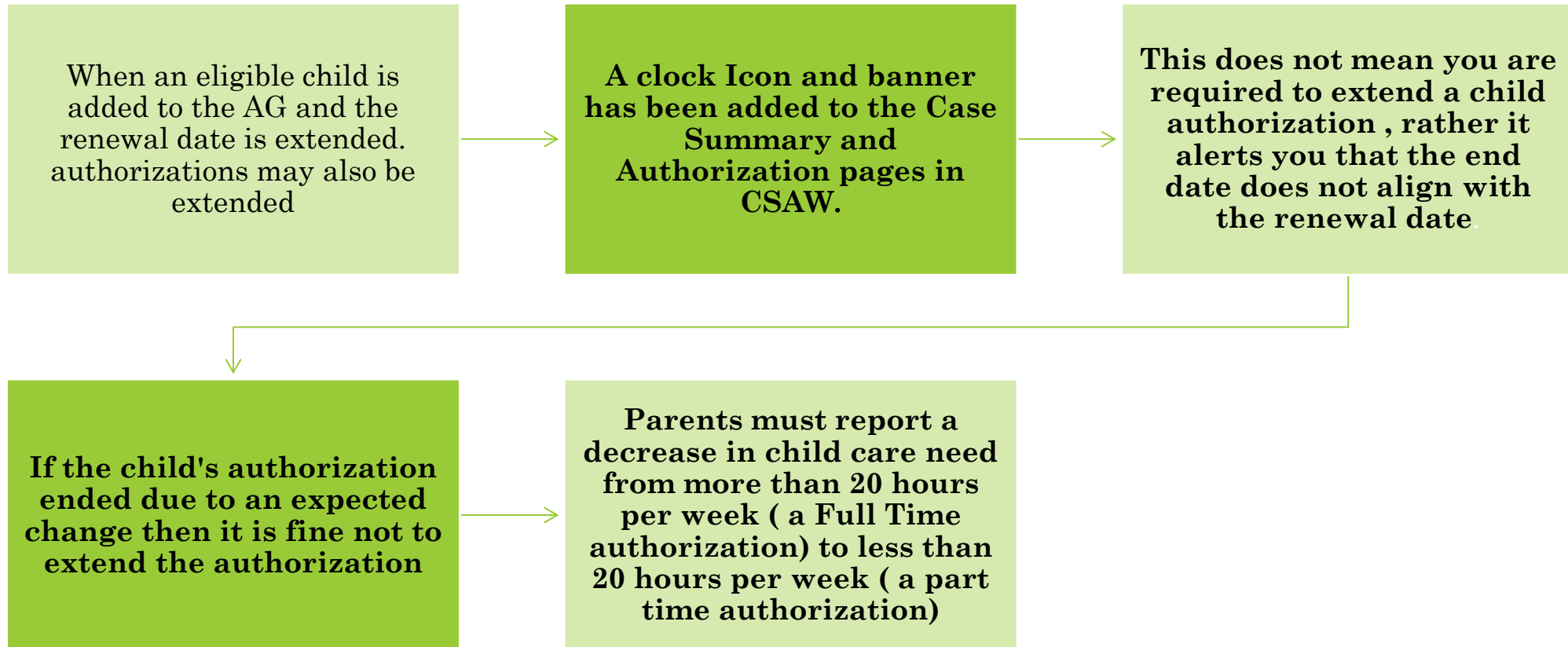
CHILDREN AGE 13-19

No changes to age of child at application/renewal

If an eligible child is added to a case, the renewal date is extended.

However, if the case has an existing child who has already turned 13 or 19 with a verified disability when another child was added, they will age out based on their original renewal date

AUTHORIZATIONS





QUESTIONS

