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✘ How to record MC+ in MOFirstSteps.com

1. What is MC+?

MC+ is the term used for Missouri Medicaid's medical assistance programs for families. There are Medicaid/MC+ programs for children, pregnant women, and very low-income parents who meet income guidelines and other eligibility criteria. While this website focuses on programs for children, [information on other medical assistance programs](#) is also available online.

MC+ for children includes a program for low income children with no costs to the family. There also is an MC+ program for children in families with higher incomes. It is part of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Families with children in this program may be charged monthly premiums, but the amount is based on family size and income. Children at the CHIP level must be uninsured for six months or more to be eligible for MC+, although there are exceptions.

Puzzled by the Medicaid/MC+ Terminology? - a printable guide (in pdf format) explaining the various MC+ terms and codes. www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/puzzledterm.pdf

<http://www.mcplus.org/gestalt/go.cfm?objectid=2A0EA6DE-DACE-6DD0-738E8392F91CAF40>

2. How does MC+ work?

- a. The State contracts with vendors (mostly, private insurance carriers) to administer MC+ within defined areas of the State. The names of these MC+ vendors are very similar to traditional private insurance carriers. Services provided to MC+ children outside of First Steps result in a claim being submitted directly to the MC+ vendors for non-First Steps claims.

3. Who are the MC+ vendors and what areas do they serve?

- a. Mostly, MC+ vendors serve the area called the "I-70 corridor". The State is broken up into 3 Regions – Western, Central and Eastern. The following vendors* serve the following Regions:
 - i. Western:
 1. Blue Advantage Plus of KC, INC.
 2. Children's Mercy Family Health Partners
 3. Health Care USA
 4. Molina HealthCare of Missouri
 5. Missouri Care Health Plan
 - ii. Central:
 1. HealthCare USA
 2. Missouri Care Health Plan
 3. Molina HealthCare of Missouri
 - iii. Eastern:
 1. Molina HealthCare Of Missouri
 2. HealthCare USA
 3. Harmony Health Plan of Missouri
 4. Missouri Care Health Plan

***NOTE: THESE ARE NOT PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES, BUT ARE MC+ VENDORS**

A map of the Regions/counties they serve is located here: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhk/hregions.htm>



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4. Why is MC+ and Medicaid data entry so important?

- a. If MC+/Medicaid information is not accurately recorded within MOFirstSteps.com the First Steps' Medicaid percentages decrease and the amount of funds recoverable from Medicaid decrease.

5. How do I record MC+ into MOFirstSteps.com?

- a. The following actions must be completed in order to accurately record MC+

- 1. Assuming consent has been received – on the Medicaid Information you must mark Consent is Approved and enter the Start Date. **This is critical.**

****Do NOT** enter the MC+ vendors (Molina, Health Care USA, etc) on the Private Insurance tab. If the family has other private insurance that is not one of the MC+ vendors please enter that information under Private Insurance tab.

- 2. To the best of your ability - record the MC+ information within the Health Plans tab, the **red *** are required entry points.



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3. Must I record Consent on the Medicaid tab for a MC+ kiddo?

Yes! Consent must be collected and recorded according to the parent's wishes for all MC+ kiddos. MC+ and Medicaid, for First Steps, is basically **the same** Program. Traditional Medicaid pays for the services provided to First Steps' MC+ kiddos. The MC+ vendors do not pay for those services.

4. Do I need to know the MC+ ID Number?

No, it is not necessary, since First Steps does NOT submit MC+ claims to MC+ vendors. First Steps submits MC+ claims directly to Medicaid – *not* the MC+ vendors. The critical data is the consent approval and date.

5. Ooops ... one of my kiddos are MC+ and I have it entered incorrectly. What do I do?

- a. If you have Private Insurance recorded as a MC+ vendor (see MC+ vendors list above) – end the Private Insurance policy.
- b. If I didn't collect or record Medicaid Consent for MC+ kiddos – collect/record the appropriate Consent on the Medicaid tab *even if the child is MC+ only*.