

2180 - RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID OVERVIEW

POLICY STATEMENT	Right from the Start Medicaid (RSM) provides Medicaid to eligible children through the month in which the child turns 19 years of age and to pregnant women who meet RSM eligibility criteria. Income limits for this COA are based on percentages of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>Because of the less restrictive program requirements, Medicaid applicants who are RSM eligible should be approved under RSM, regardless of their eligibility under another Medicaid COA, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newborn Medicaid • Low Income Medicaid (LIM) • Work Transition Medicaid (WTM) • Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) • Four Months Extended Medicaid because of Child Support Income (4MCS) • IV-E Foster Care
Basic Eligibility Criteria	<p>The following basic eligibility requirements must be met to qualify for RSM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <p>EXCEPTION: There is no age requirement for pregnant women. A RSM child can be eligible through the last day of the month of the nineteenth (19th) birthday. A Child Welfare Foster Care (CWFC) child may be eligible until age 21.</p> <p>Refer to Section 2255, Age.</p> • Application for Other Benefits <p>EXCEPTION: Application for SSI is not required. Application for other benefits is not a requirement for RSM PgW coverage.</p> <p>NOTE: If a pregnant woman is receiving Medicaid in a LIM AU and does not comply with Application for Other Benefits, she may receive Medicaid under RSM-PgW COA in which Application for Other Benefits is not a requirement.</p> <p>Refer to Section 2210, Application for Other Benefits.</p>

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CONSIDERATIONS****Basic Eligibility
Criteria (cont.)**

- Enumeration

NOTE: Enumeration is not a requirement for Emergency Medical assistance (EMA). Refer to Section 2054, EMA.

Refer to Section 2220, Enumeration.

- Citizenship/Alienage

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- Residency

Refer to Section 2225, Residency.

- Third Party Resources

NOTE: This includes TPR information on the reputed or legal father of an existing child.

Refer to Section 2230, TPR.

- Cooperation with Child Support Enforcement (CSE)

EXCEPTION: A referral to, and cooperation with CSE is **NOT** a requirement for child-only Medicaid cases.

A child-only Medicaid case is defined as a Medicaid AU in which no adults are receiving Medicaid under the same case as the child or under any related case. An AU which contains a penalized adult is **NOT** considered child-only case.

Refer to Section 2250, Child Support Enforcement.

