

2174 - NEWBORN MEDICAID**POLICY STATEMENT**

Newborn (NB) Medicaid provides Medicaid coverage to a child born to a mother who was eligible for and receiving Medicaid in Georgia on the day the child was born.

**BASIC
CONSIDERATIONS****Receiving
Medicaid**

A child is eligible for Newborn Medicaid for up to 13 months beginning with the month of birth and continuing through the month in which the child reaches age 1, as long as the child lives with the mother continuously. Eligibility begins with the birth month, regardless of when the agency is notified of the birth.

A child is eligible for Newborn Medicaid if born to a mother eligible for and receiving Medicaid under any class of assistance (COA), including Supplemental Security Income, any Aged, Blind and Disabled COA or to a mother receiving Emergency Medical Assistance.

EXCEPTION: A child born to a woman who is in Medically Needy suspense status on the day of delivery is ineligible for NB Medicaid. Spenddown must be met on or before the date of delivery for the child to qualify for NB.

Eligible for and receiving Medicaid is defined as follows:

- The mother's Medicaid application was filed and approved prior to the birth of the child.
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- The mother's application for Medicaid was filed prior to the birth of the child, approved after the birth of the child, and the approval covered the date the child was born.
- OR
- The mother's application for Medicaid was filed and approved after the birth of the child and the approval covered the date the child was born.

**BASIC
CONSIDERATIONS
(cont.)****Living
Arrangements**

The child meets the requirements of living with the mother for the following month(s):

- the month of birth and subsequent months, as long as the child lives in the home with the mother continuously,
- the month of birth, even if the child is placed in foster care or relinquished for adoption, or if the child dies during the first month

**PROCEDURES
(cont.)****Continuing Medicaid
Determination**

Complete a CMD in the last month of Newborn Medicaid eligibility.

If the child is not eligible for Medicaid under any COA, provide the AU with a PeachCare for Kids application and information on the PeachCare for Kids program.

**DOCUMENTATION AND
VERIFICATION**

Establish the mother's Medicaid eligibility for the month of the child's birth by agency records or by the State Data Exchange for a SSI recipient.

Accept the mother's or the Medicaid provider's statement of the child's date of birth, unless questionable.

Accept the mother's statement of the child's living arrangements unless questionable. If questionable, refer to Section 2245, Living with a Specified Relative, for methods of verification.

Document the following information in the case record:

- the child's name and date of birth,
- the Medicaid eligibility status of the mother,
- the mother's statement of the child's living arrangement after 1 month of birth
- the date, how (telephone, mail, facsimile, etc.) and by whom the above information was reported.