

## 2182 – RSM CHILD

<b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>	RSM Child Medicaid provides Medicaid to children from birth through the last day of the month in which the child turns nineteen (19) years of age.
<b>BASIC CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>RSM coverage is available to the following children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a child from birth through the last day of the month of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) birthday. Countable income must be less than or equal to 185% of the FPL. This applies to children who are ineligible for Newborn Medicaid.</li> <li>• a child age one (1) through the last day of the month of the 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. Countable income must be less than or equal to 133% of the FPL.</li> <li>• a child age six (6) through the last day of the month of the 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Countable income must be less than or equal to 100% of the FPL.</li> </ul> <p>The applicant's statement of the child's date of birth may be acceptable.</p> <p>For RSM Child purposes, an 18 year old is considered a minor child and remains the financial responsibility of his/her parent(s). Spouse-to spouse deeming and allocation of income apply for married minors.</p> <p>Eligibility for RSM Child may continue through the month the child reaches age 19. Assistance may continue if the child is receiving inpatient medical services on the date of Medicaid termination at age 19. Refer to Basic Considerations and Procedures for Inpatient Services in this section.</p>
<b>PROCEDURES</b>	<p>Screen for LIM. If the applicant is potentially eligible for LIM, approve RSM pending the disposition of the LIM application.</p> <p>Follow the steps below to determine RSM eligibility for a child:</p> <p><b>Step 1</b> Review the application and contact the applicant by telephone or mail if additional information is needed that is not included in the application. If no additional information is needed, proceed with the application processing.</p> <p><b>Step 2</b> Determine the AU and BG. Refer to Chapter 2600, Family Medicaid Assistance Units and Budget Groups.</p>

**PROCEDURES  
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- Step 3** Establish all points of eligibility. Accept the A/R's statement unless information known to the agency conflicts with the A/R's statement or is otherwise questionable.
- Step 4** Based on date(s) of birth, apply the appropriate percentage(s) of the FPL to determine eligibility for each child.
- Step 5** Verify all income of the BG from the source. Refer to [Section 2051](#), Verification.
- Step 6** Complete the budgeting process. Refer to [Section 2669](#), RSM Budgeting.
- If eligible, approve RSM Child. If any child is ineligible, approve the eligible child(ren) and complete and document the results of a CMD for the ineligible child(ren) prior to denial. If all children are ineligible, complete and document the results of a CMD prior to denial of the AU. If eligibility is denied because of excessive income, provide the A/R with a PeachCare for Kids application and PeachCare for Kids program information.
- Step 7** Assistance may continue through the month the child reaches age 19. A review is completed every 6 months to determine continued eligibility. Complete and document the results of a CMD for the ineligible child(ren) prior to termination of RSM.

**SPECIAL  
CONSIDERATIONS****Inpatient Services**

- If a child is receiving inpatient services when the age limit for an income level is reached or when the child turns 19 years of age, eligibility continues if **all** of the following requirements are met:
- reaching age 19 or the age limit for an income level is the sole reason for ineligibility;
  - inpatient services are received in a Medicaid participating hospital or nursing facility on the last day of the month in which the age or income limit is reached and the first day of the next month;
  - the child remains eligible under all RSM criteria except for age or income limit through the month in which the inpatient stay terminates.

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If the child is transferred directly from one medical facility to another, the extended eligibility can continue if all other requirements are met.

**NOTE:** Upon discharge or if there is a break in stay in a medical facility, the lower income level must be used if the child is under 19 years of age. If the child has reached 19 years of age, s/he is ineligible upon discharge or if there is a break in stay in a medical facility. Complete and document the results of a CMD prior to termination of RSM.

This coverage can be established in the three months prior to an application, even if the child reaches the age limit in one of the prior months, provided the above criteria are met.

Follow the steps below to extend RSM eligibility beyond the age limit.

**Step 1** Verify the inpatient stay that continues beyond the date the child would become RSM ineligible. Continue RSM eligibility through the month following the date of ineligibility and for each month until the child is discharged.

**Step 2** Complete and document results of a CMD on the child upon discharge from the medical facility and discontinue RSM.

**NOTE:** If RSM is terminated before the agency is notified of the inpatient services, verify that the inpatient services were received and reopen the RSM case. Continue RSM until the patient is discharged. Complete and document the results of a CMD prior to terminating RSM when the child is discharged from the medical facility.