

## 2933 –GEORGIA PEDIATRIC PROGRAM

<b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>	The Model Waiver Program (MWP) and the Exceptional Children's Service were merged into the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) effective 3/30/03. The program provides specialized medical services to a Medicaid recipient who is under age 21 and respirator or oxygen dependent.
<b>BASIC CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>A request for GAPP services is made when an individual is in need of a particular medical service that is not usually covered by Medicaid. The Prior Authorization (PA) Unit of Georgia Health Partnership (GHP) is responsible for determining appropriateness for these services.</p> <p>To be eligible for GAPP services, the A/R must meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The A/R is a Medicaid recipient under the most advantageous COA, including SSI, Family Medicaid or ABD Medicaid.</li> <li>• The A/R is under the age of 21.</li> <li>• The A/R is respirator or oxygen dependent.</li> <li>• The A/R is approved for a nursing home level of care (LOC).</li> <li>• The A/R is approved by the PA Unit for GAPP services.</li> </ul> <p>The PA Unit is responsible for obtaining the required LOC unless Medicaid eligibility is determined under the Deeming Waiver COA.</p> <p>Eligibility for GAPP services is approved manually and is not entered on the DFCS system.</p>
<b>PROCEDURES</b>	<p><b>Medicaid Recipient</b> Follow the steps below to initiate GAPP services if the individual requesting these services is <b>currently</b> receiving Medicaid.</p> <p><b>Step 1</b> Verify Medicaid eligibility.</p> <p><b>Step 2</b> Verify that the A/R is under age 21.</p> <p><b>Step 3</b> Document the PR's statement that the individual is respirator or oxygen dependent. File any supporting medical documentation in the case record.</p>

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	<p><b>Step 4</b> Inform the PR to have the A/R's physician or hospital discharge planner contact the PA Unit at the following address to arrange for GAPP services:</p> <p>ACS, Inc. Prior Authorization P. O. Box 7000 McRae, Georgia 31055</p> <p>Or electronically at: <a href="http://www.ghp.georgia.gov">www.ghp.georgia.gov</a></p> <p>Explain to the PR that additional information may be required by the PA unit, such as Form DMA-6(A) completed by the physician.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If the A/R is approved for GAPP services, DMA notifies the county DFCS of the approval with a copy of the approval letter that is sent to the PR.</p>
	<p><b>Step 5</b> Review the income of the GAPP A/R. Contact a state Medicaid consultant regarding calculations of a cost share if the A/R has income in excess of the FBR for LA-A.</p>
<b>Changes in Medicaid or GAPP Eligibility</b>	<p>Complete a CMD if an individual has been terminated from on-going Medicaid and is receiving GAPP services. Refer to Section 2052, Continuing Medicaid Determination.</p>
<b>Medicaid Applicant</b>	<p>Follow the steps below to determine Medicaid eligibility and initiate GAPP services if the individual requesting these services is <b>not</b> currently receiving Medicaid.</p>
	<p><b>Step 1</b> Accept the A/R's Medicaid application.</p>
	<p><b>Step 2</b> Verify that the A/R is under age 21. Document the A/R's respirator or oxygen dependency in the case record.</p>
	<p><b>Step 3</b> Screen for Medicaid eligibility under all COAs, including SSI, Family Medicaid and ABD Medicaid. Determine eligibility under the COA most advantageous to the A/R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the A/R is ineligible for Medicaid under all other COAs and is a child under age 19, determine Medicaid eligibility under the Katie Beckett COA.</li> </ul>

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- Step 3 (cont.)**
- If eligibility is determined under the Katie Beckett COA, forward a copy of the GMCF LOC approval letter to the PA unit as soon as it is returned to DFCS from GMCF.

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- Tell the PR to have the A/R's physician or hospital discharge planner contact the PA Unit. Refer to Step 4 of the Procedures to initiate GAPP services for an individual who is currently receiving Medicaid listed above.

**NOTE:** GAPP services cannot be approved while an application for Medicaid is pending.

**Special Considerations**

**SSI PNA** A disabled child may be eligible for a \$30 SSI personal needs allowance from SSA if s/he meets the following criteria:

- Is disabled
- Received SSI benefits (limited to PNA) while in a medical treatment facility
- Is ineligible for SSI solely because of deemed income or resources of the parents
- Is currently eligible for Medicaid under one of the following COAs:
  - Katie Beckett
  - CCSP

OR

  - Is receiving services under GAPP

If the child meets the above criteria, refer the parent(s) to SSA to continue the SSI \$30 PNA payment and Medicaid. Continue to maintain the child under the COA above unless the child no longer meets the criteria for that program.

**Nurse Services**

In order for Medicaid to pay for the services of a nurse, the GAPP child must be approved under a skilled LOC and would have to be oxygen or ventilator dependent on a continuing basis.