

2160 – FAMILY MEDICAID OVERVIEW

POLICY STATEMENT	<p>Family Medicaid provides Medicaid benefits for low income families and individuals who are not receiving SSI and may or may not be receiving TANF. Benefits are provided through a variety of classes of assistance (COA's), each with its own specific eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2014 Family Medicaid will be comprised of two groups; the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) COAs and the Non MAGI COAs.</p>
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>Family Medicaid Non MAGI Assistance Units (AUs) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newborn • Family Medically Needy • Pregnant Medically Needy • Refugee • Foster Care • Adoption • CHAFEE • Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB) • Women's Health Medicaid • Former Foster Care Medicaid <p>Family Medicaid MAGI AUs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Caretaker of child(ren) • TMA/4MEx • Pregnant Women • Children under 19 years of age <p>Basic Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Family Medicaid AUs must meet specific Basic Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • age • application for other benefits • citizenship/immigration status • cooperation with DCSS • enumeration • identity • residency • third party liability • specified relative relationship/tax filer/non filer status <p>Each COA has different exceptions to the Basic Eligibility Criteria. Refer to Section 2200, Basic Eligibility Criteria and to each COA in this chapter.</p>

**Basic
Eligibility
Criteria
(cont.)**

A pregnant woman who is eligible for and receiving Medicaid under any Medicaid COA (except Q-track, P4HB or a suspended spend down) or SSI on the date the pregnancy terminates is eligible to continue to receive 60 days of pregnancy transition Medicaid. The 60-day count begins on the day of the termination of pregnancy. Medicaid continues through the last day of the month in which the 60th day falls.

Medicaid coverage under any Medicaid COA (except Q-track, P4HB or a suspended spend down) or SSI is continued for a pregnant woman who, after approval becomes financially ineligible solely because of new income or a change in income of any BG member. The pregnant woman remains eligible for Medicaid for the remainder of the pregnancy, including the 60-day pregnancy transition. Refer to [Section 2720](#), Continuous Coverage for a Pregnant Woman.

Eligibility for any Family Medicaid COA can begin with the month of application and can include up to three months prior to the month of application. All points of eligibility for that COA must be met in each of the three prior months. Refer to [Section 2053](#), Retroactive Medicaid.

NOTE: Three months retroactive Medicaid does not pertain to January 2014 applications for MAGI COAs.

Under certain conditions, Medicaid may cover services rendered to Medicaid-eligible Georgia residents who are out of state when medical services are provided. Procedures for qualifying for out-of-state coverage are found on the back of the Medicaid card.

**Financial Eligibility
Criteria**

All Family **Non MAGI** Medicaid cases are budgeted using prospective income and expenses.

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EXCEPTION: Eligibility for three months prior Family Medicaid is determined using actual income and expenses. If available, actual income may be used for intervening months. **Data sources and/or related active programs verification must be accessed for all MAGI Medicaid COAs prior to requesting verification.**

For Family **Non MAGI** Medicaid COA's, if resources of the BG are within the applicable resource limit at any time during a month, the AU is resource-eligible for that month.

<p>Financial Eligibility Criteria (cont.)</p>	<p>NOTE: There are no resource requirements for MAGI Medicaid COAs.</p> <p>A Family Medicaid case that is ineligible because of financial reasons for one month only is suspended, not terminated. Refer to Chapter 2700, Case Management Overview, Sections 2712, 2714, 2715 and 2716.</p> <p>MAGI COAs use the MAGI based income methodology.</p>
<p>OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:</p> <p>Presumptive Eligibility</p>	<p>Family Medicaid applications are accepted at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) • County DFCS offices • RSM Project or DFCS outreach locations • Department of Public Health offices • Public medical facilities • Federally funded health care centers • Disproportionate-share hospitals • COMPASS <p>Refer to Section 2050, Application Processing.</p> <p>Presumptive Eligibility (PE) is determined by Qualified Providers (QPs) certified by the Department of Community Health (DCH). PE is a temporary eligibility determination and is available only to pregnant women to cover the cost of prenatal care. If the pregnant woman is determined eligible for PE, a temporary Medicaid Certification is issued by the QP. A PE Packet is completed concurrently and routed to DFCS for processing. In some counties, the application is completed by a Right From the Start Medicaid (RSM) Project outreach worker. Refer to Sections 2050, Application Processing 2065, Presumptive Eligibility 2067 and Pregnant Woman 2184 for additional information regarding PE.</p>
<p>PROCEDURES</p>	<p>The Medicaid application process begins with a request for assistance and ends with notification to the AU of the eligibility decision. Refer to Section 2050, Application Processing for additional information.</p> <p>A Continuing Medicaid Determination (CMD) is required before denying a Medicaid application or terminating Medicaid under the current COA. A CMD is the determination of Medicaid eligibility under all COA's. Refer to Section 2050, Application Processing and Section 2700, Ongoing Case Management for additional information.</p>

Referrals

At application and **renewal**, contact the A/R to inquire if any AU member is pregnant. If an AU member is pregnant, schedule a follow-up contact with the pregnant woman during the month prior to the **Estimated Delivery Date** (EDD).

Refer all Medicaid recipients under age 21 for health check services by providing the Health Check Brochure. Refer to Section [2930](#), Health Check for additional information.

Refer the following to **the Department of Public Health** for services under the **Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program**:

- pregnant women
- women who are breast feeding through the first twelve months after the birth of a child
- children under age five
- post-partum women for six months from the termination of pregnancy

Refer to [Section 2985](#), WIC Services for additional information.