

2194 – PEACHCARE FOR KIDS®

POLICY STATEMENT	PeachCare for Kids® (PCK) provides medical insurance for children who are financially ineligible for Medicaid.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>PeachCare for Kids® (PCK) is available to children from birth through the last day of the month of a child's 19th birthday.</p> <p>Countable income must be less than or equal to 247% of the FPL. Refer to Appendix A2, Financial Limits for Family Medicaid.</p> <p>EXCEPTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If income is below 247% of the FPL and below the appropriate Medicaid FPL based on the child's age, the child is potentially eligible for Medicaid and ineligible for PCK. • Children who are eligible for Newborn Medicaid are ineligible for PCK. • Pregnant minors who are eligible for Pregnant Woman Medicaid are ineligible for PCK. • Children covered by other public or private health insurance are ineligible for PCK. • Children who are inmates of a public institution or patients in an institution for mental diseases are ineligible for PCK. <p>NOTE: Children must be uninsured the two months prior to applying for PeachCare for Kids®. This does not include Medicaid coverage. Children who have involuntarily lost coverage due to a parent losing a job or an employer dropping coverage for dependent children are exempt from this.</p> <p>The applicant's statement of the child's birth date may be acceptable.</p> <p>PCK recipients must meet the Medicaid citizenship/immigration criteria. Citizenship/immigration status must be verified.</p> <p>All income received by the applicant must be verified electronically or manually.</p> <p>Referral of the non-custodial parent (NCP) to DCSS does not apply.</p> <p>Enrollment in PCK begins the first day of the month in which a complete application, including all applicable premiums, has been received by MAXIMUS. PCK does NOT provide prior month coverage. If prior month medical bills are owed, the child may be potentially eligible for Family Medicaid Medically Needy.</p>

PROCEDURES

Screen under all Medicaid Classes of Assistance (COA). If a child is ineligible for all Medicaid COAs, provide a PCK application and PCK information to the family.

EXCEPTION: If a child is eligible for prior months FM-MN, approve FM-MN for the prior months and refer the child to PCK for ongoing months. If a child is over the PCK income limit, do not refer the child to PCK and explore eligibility for FM-MN, or refer to the Federally Facilitated Marketplace.

**Online Application Entry
for Foster Children**

The county with custody of a foster child is responsible for completing the PeachCare for Kids® online application for that child if ineligible for Medicaid. The online application is accessed through the Department of Community Health (DCH) website at www.dch.ga.gov or through the PeachCare for Kids® website at www.peachcare.org. If the application will not download, call 1-877-427-3224 to receive an application by mail.

To complete the PeachCare for Kids® application for a foster child:

Home Address: enter street address of the DFCS office

Mailing Address: Name of county and P.O. Box address

Parent One: Name of county DFCS office, example: Fulton County DFCS

Question: Does this parent live in the household with the children for whom you are applying? This is a default question requiring the “YES” response.

Parent Two: No response

Enter the child’s first name, middle initial, last name, date of birth, gender, race and Social Security Number.

U.S. Citizen: Respond “YES”

Relationship to Parent One: Respond “Other”

Is there another child living in the household? Respond “NO”

	<p>Enter income for child.</p> <p>Review application for completion prior to sending.</p> <p>Once the PeachCare for Kids® application has been sent, the SSCM must follow up with Client Services to notify of PeachCare for Kids® application for a foster child:</p> <p>Cassandra Rogers, Crogers2@policy-studies.com, 772-489-6929 or Griselda Corona, gc corona@policy-studies.com, 772-489-6925. Client services will stop income verification request and consider income verified by DFCS. No additional documentation of custody will be required. The account will be set up in county DFCS' name and monthly premium will be waived.</p> <p>If the child is returned to the home and DFCS no longer has custody, SSCM to notify PeachCare for Kids® Client Services so that the account can be updated.</p> <p>NOTE: PeachCare for Kids® does NOT provide prior month coverage. PeachCare for Kids® application must be submitted as soon as Form 225 from RevMax indicating Medicaid ineligibility is received to prevent gaps in coverage.</p>
	<p>PCK applications are processed by MAXIMUS, under contract with the Georgia DCH. Applications are mailed or filed on-line. DFCS does not process PCK eligibility.</p> <p>PCK is included in all CMDs, and should be considered before Family Medicaid Medically Needy for ongoing benefits.</p> <p>MAXIMUS screens all PCK applications for Medicaid eligibility. An application received for a child who is potentially eligible for Medicaid is returned to the RSM Project or county DFCS office for RSM approval.</p>
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS	<p>A Care Maintenance Organization (CMO) and a primary care physician must be selected for children eligible for PCK. This may be done after approval. If no CMO and primary care physician are selected, a CMO and physician will be assigned according to the area in which the child lives.</p> <p>Any physician, medical practice, clinic or hospital that accepts Medicaid also accepts PCK.</p>

**OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS****(cont'd)**

PCK covers the same medical services as RSM with the following exceptions:

- Non-Emergency Transportation (NET)
- Targeted Case Management
- Pregnant Women

A monthly premium must be paid in order to receive PCK. Premiums are calculated on a sliding scale based on household income, ranging from \$10 to a family maximum of \$70. The premium schedule for PCK is shown in the chart below.

Premium Schedule by FPL

FPL	One Child	Family Cap
0-150%	0	0
151-170%	\$20.00	\$40.00
171-190%	\$24.00	\$48.00
191-210%	\$28.00	\$56.00
211-230%	\$31.00	\$62.00
231-247%	\$35.00	\$70.00

EXCEPTION: No premium is charged for children under age six (6) or for children in foster care.

The applicant can apply for PCK online or obtain other eligibility information at www.peachcare.org, by calling **1-877-GA-PEACH**, from **the RSM Outreach Project at 1-800-809-7276** or from any county DFCS office.

Counties needing to order PCK applications or brochures can use the [Special Request Form](#) located in Appendix F.