

2870 – REDETERMINATIONS FOR CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT

<p>POLICY STATEMENT</p>	<p>Medicaid eligibility for foster care children is redetermined every 6 months. IV-E reimbursability is reviewed at the six-month Medicaid redetermination for each of the past six months. The child's reimbursability for the next six months is also established. Accounting adjustments (re-rates) are made based on this review. Adoption Assistance and Chafee Independence Program Medicaid is redetermined every 12 months.</p>
<p>BASIC CONSIDERATIONS</p>	<p>Once the child is determined IV-E eligible, the child continues to be eligible unless one of the circumstances specified in <u>Section 2880</u>, Ineligibility for IV-E, exists. Once a child loses IV-E eligibility, s/he cannot be IV-E eligible or reimbursable during the current placement episode.</p> <p>IV-E reimbursement may fluctuate from month to month. A child may lose and regain IV-E reimbursement, depending upon changes in deprivation in the removal home, the child's income and resources, the circumstances of the placement, or in obtaining the required judicial language while the child remains in DFCS custody. The loss of IV-E reimbursement in one month does not preclude the child's IV-E reimbursement in subsequent months.</p> <p>As a general rule, the Medicaid class of assistance follows the per diem funding source. There are circumstances, however, where this is not possible. For instance, while historical changes are made in accounting (re-rates), no historical changes are made in the Medicaid class of assistance. A child may also have a per diem paid from IV-B funds, but may be over income for Child Welfare Foster Care (CWFC) Medicaid. Always complete a Continuing Medicaid Determination if a child is ineligible for a class of assistance.</p>
<p>Financial Need for IV-E Foster Care: Resources</p>	<p>Once a child meets IV-E eligibility, only the resources of the child are considered in determining if the child continues to meet financial need for ongoing IV-E reimbursement. A child's resources may not exceed \$10,000. For the month(s) a child's countable resources exceed \$10,000, the child is not IV-E reimbursable. The child may become IV-E reimbursable once the child's resources no longer exceed \$10,000 if all other criteria are met.</p>
<p>Financial Need for IV-E Foster Care: Income</p>	<p>The child's income cannot exceed 185% of the foster care rate. <i>This is the only standard to which income is compared in determining if the child meets ongoing IV-E reimbursement.</i> The AFDC Standard of Need is only used at the initial eligibility determination. Refer to Section 2840, IV-E Budgeting.</p>

PROCEDURES**IV-E Foster Care
Children**

Complete periodic reviews by using the following procedures:

- Step 1** In the month prior to the review month, the Revenue Maximization Regional Center sends a detailed listing of all case reviews due for the following month for Medicaid and IV-E Redetermination, to the county of custody..
- Step 2** Form 226 is completed by the SSCM/JPPS and returned to the Revenue Maximization MES during the review month. A telephone interview may be conducted with the SSCM/JPPS to clarify points of eligibility. Complete any additional forms necessary.
- Step 3** Determine that the court order is valid or has been renewed without interruption, and that a judicial determination with *reasonable efforts was made to finalize the permanency plan* language has been obtained through SSCM/JPPS statement. Request a copy of the latest court order from the SSCM if not in the case record. Reference [Section 2820 – Legal Status](#).
- Step 4** Determine that deprivation still exists in the home from which the child was removed. Accept the SSCM/JPPS’s statement.
- NOTE:** If the home has been dissolved or the whereabouts of the specified relative is unknown, deprivation still exists.
- If deprivation was established using AFDC-UP policy, the removal home financial situation must be explored. Refer to [Section 2826](#), AFDC Deprivation – Unemployed Parent. This is the only time the removal home’s financial situation is looked at for review purposes and it is to determine deprivation, NOT financial eligibility.
- Step 5** Establish current financial eligibility for the child using IV-E Budgeting standards.
- Step 6** Determine that the child remains in an approved placement.
- Step 7** Determine that the child meets the age requirement for the Class of Assistance.
- Step 8** Determine that the child did not become IV-E ineligible during the past six months. Also determine IV-E Reimbursability for the past six months. Complete Form 529 if necessary to reflect periods of non-reimbursability or that the child became ineligible. This form is NOT signed by the Revenue Maximization MES. Route one copy to the SSCM and one copy to accounting. Do NOT change the Medicaid COA historically.

NOTE: Step 8 is not applicable to cases processed by DJJ MES.

PROCEDURES**IV-E Foster Care
Children (cont.)****Step 9**

Project IV-E eligibility and reimbursability for the ongoing six months. If the child is no longer IV-E eligible, complete a CMD.

Process the review in the system and notify the SSCM of review findings via Form 225, IV-E Eligibility Documentation Sheet. Complete Form 529, Authorization of Foster Care Status Change/Termination, if necessary to reflect an ongoing change in eligibility or reimbursability. This form is NOT signed by the Revenue Maximization MES. Route one copy to the SSCM and one copy to accounting.

NOTE: In order to prevent SUCCESS closure of a foster care Medicaid case due to a review being Over Standard of Promptness (OSOP), Revenue Maximization Regional Centers will forward the review due county listing to the social services supervisor with copy to the county director and will be due to Rev Max by the 15th of the month. If the review forms have not been received by the 17th of the review due month, the listing is faxed to the Social Services Supervisor, the County Director and the Regional Director with a due date by the 25th of the review due month.

SSI Eligible Children

A SSI eligible child will have an active Medicaid case on SUCCESS. Medicaid eligibility comes with SSI eligibility. A child can be concurrently SSI and RSM/FC on MHN.

The Revenue Maximization MES is responsible for conducting a review at six-month intervals to confirm that IV-E eligibility still exists. These reviews must be tracked manually. Complete periodic reviews by using the appropriate procedures for that Medicaid COA.

**IV-E and State AA
Children**

A review is not required for IV-E Adoption Assistance, but is required for the related Medicaid case. The SSCM is responsible for an annual review of State Adoption Assistance. The Revenue Maximization MES is responsible for the Medicaid reviews on both IV-E and State Adoption Assistance every 12 months. Complete the Medicaid periodic reviews by using the following procedures:

Step 1

Two months prior to the review month, mail Form 28, Adoption Assistance Renewal Form, to the SSCM.

Step 2

On a yearly basis the SSCM sends a Form 28 to the adoptive parent(s) to satisfy requirements in Social Services. Upon return of Form 28, the SSCM should forward it to the Revenue Maximization MES. A telephone interview may be conducted with the SSCM to clarify points of eligibility. Complete any additional forms necessary.

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Step 3 Determine that the child remains in an adoptive placement and that an Adoption Assistance payment is still being made.

Step 4 Process the review and notify the SSCM of the review findings via Form 225, IV-E Eligibility Documentation Sheet.

A copy of Form 28, Adoption Assistance Renewal Form, and Form 225, IV-E Eligibility Documentation Sheet, must be mailed to the following address:

Step 4

The Office of Adoptions
2 Peachtree Street, NW
8th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

NOTE: The Revenue Maximization MES must still send a copy of the Form 225 to the SSCM.

**IV-E Adoption Assistance
and State Adoption
Assistance Children
Living Outside of Georgia**

Children living outside Georgia who receive Georgia IV-E Adoption Assistance or State Adoption Assistance must have an annual redetermination completed. The redeterminations must be tracked manually because the cases are not on SUCCESS. This process should begin two months prior to the redetermination due date. The following steps should be followed:

Step 1 A Form 28 should be mailed to the contact person with the Interstate Compact for Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA) in the state in which the child resides.

NOTE: The list of ICAMA contacts and addresses is found in Appendix F: Forms.

Step 2 Upon return of the completed forms, the redetermination should be completed manually. Form 225 and any other forms necessary should be completed. After completion, copies of Forms 225 and 28 should be forwarded to the contact with ICAMA in the state in which the child resides and to the State of Georgia Office of Adoptions. Refer to above address.

CWFC Children

Complete periodic reviews by using the following procedures:

Step 1 Two months prior to the review month, mail Form 226, Medicaid and IV-E Redetermination Form to the SSCM.

PROCEDURES**CWFC children (cont.)**

- Step 2** Form 226 is completed by the SSCM and returned to the Revenue Maximization MES during the review month. A telephone interview may be conducted with the SSCM to clarify points of eligibility. Complete any additional forms necessary. Request a copy of the latest court order from the SSCM if not in the case record. Refer to [Section 2820, Legal Status](#), for court order requirements.
- Step 3** Determine eligibility of the foster child under all LIM basic eligibility criteria except living with a specified relative.
- Step 4** Determine that the child remains in an approved placement and that a per diem continues to be paid.
- Step 5** Establish current financial eligibility of the child based on LIM income and resource limits. Use deductions, if applicable. Refer to [Section 2655](#), Family Medicaid Deductions.
- Step 6** Process the review in the system and notify the SSCM of review findings via Form 225, IV-E Eligibility Documentation Sheet. Complete Form 529, if necessary, to reflect an ongoing change in eligibility. This form is NOT signed by the Revenue Maximization MES. Route one copy to the SSCM and one copy to accounting.

RSM Children

Complete periodic reviews by using the following procedures:

- Step 1** Two months prior to the review month, mail Form 226, Medicaid and IV-E Redetermination to the SSCM.
- Step 2** Form 226 is completed by the SSCM and returned to the Revenue Maximization MES during the review month. A telephone interview may be conducted with the SSCM to clarify points of eligibility. Complete any additional forms necessary. Request a copy of the latest court order from the SSCM if not in the case record. Refer to [Section 2820, Legal Status](#), for court order requirements.
- Step 3** Determine that the child remains in DFCS custody and remains in placement. Establish the current Medicaid eligibility of the child based on RSM requirements, both financial and non-financial, [Section 2182](#) – RSM Child.
- Step 4** Process the review in the system and notify the SSCM of review findings via Form 225, IV-E Eligibility Documentation Sheet

**Chafee Independence
Program**

A face-to-face (FTF) review is not required for any Medicaid COA. An alternate review is completed by mail and/or telephone contact. Reference [Section 2706 – Medicaid Reviews](#) for alternate review criteria.

The following points of eligibility must be reviewed:

- Residency
- Third Party Resource Liability
- Age

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Process the review in the system and document SUCCESS at the appropriate screens and FCAR.