

H-3010 CHILDREN UNDER AGE 19 GROUP-DEEMED ELIGIBLE**H-3011 GENERAL INFORMATION**

A child born to a woman determined eligible for Medicaid benefits in any category on the date the child is born shall be deemed Medicaid eligible for up to one year. This includes a child who is born to a mother who is determined retroactively eligible for the date the child was born or to a non-citizen mother eligible for emergency services only.

Exceptions:

Do not deem the child if the mother is certified for QMB-only, SLMB-only, QDWI or QI.

Do not deem the child if the mother is certified for a state funded program only. (Refer to sections D-500 and E-330.) Consider eligibility in another program.

An application for assistance or financial eligibility determination is not required for the deemed child.

Under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), the deemed child's eligibility is no longer dependent on:

- the newborn coming home from the hospital to live with the mother,
- the newborn remaining in the mother's household, or
- the mother remaining Medicaid eligible (or would be eligible if still pregnant).

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA), combines all mandatory and optional eligibility groups for individuals under age 19 into one coverage group. The Children Under Age 19 Group includes those children covered under Deemed Eligible Children.

H-3012 Coverage

A deemed child is eligible for the full range of Medicaid covered services for the first year of life.

Prior to closure of the child's deemed coverage, eligibility in other programs must be explored.

H-3013 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

Determine eligibility by applying the following criteria. The elements have been listed in the most logical order, but work on all steps simultaneously.

H-3013.1 Reserved**H-3013.2 Establish Categorical Requirement**

Verify that the child has not reached his/her first birthday and that the mother was eligible on the date of birth.

H-3013.3 Establish Non-Financial Eligibility

The mother must be Medicaid eligible at the time the child is born. This includes a mother who is determined retroactively eligible for the date the child is born.

Enumeration for a deemed eligible newborn is accomplished by filing for a birth certificate.

Note:

Support Enforcement Services (SES) referral is not an eligibility factor for the deemed eligible child.

H-3013.4 Reserved**H-3013.5 Eligibility Decision**

Evaluate all eligibility requirements and verifications received to determine if the child is eligible to be deemed.

Eligibility for a child born to a Medicaid eligible mother is determined by

the agency's Newborn Eligibility Unit

H-3013.6 Certification Period

The certification period cannot extend past the month of the child's first birthday.

H-3013.7 Notice of Decision

Send appropriate notice of decision to the applicant/enrollee.

Notify Medical Provider(s) by forwarding copies of the completed BHSF Newborn Request Form.