

I-800 HOME**I-810 REQUIREMENT**

In the Parents and Caretaker Relatives group, a child must reside with a caretaker relative who assumes primary responsibility for the child's care.

I-811 TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM HOME

Consider a parent or caretaker relative to reside in the same home as a child if either is only temporarily out of the home. A temporary absence from home occurs when:

- The child, parent or caretaker relative is out of the home for a visit. For example, the child's three (3) month summer vacation.
- The child is out of the home to attend school or training. Examples: schools for deaf, blind, Job Corps, persons with intellectual disabilities (ID).
- The parent or caretaker relative is out of the home to attend school or training, but retains responsibility for care of the child.

Note:

A parent or caretaker relative residing in a Job Corps Center is not considered temporarily out of the home.

- The child is in a juvenile facility that is not a state institution and the parent or caretaker relative continues to retain custody of the child and is required to continue some financial responsibility for the child.

Note:

A child enrolled in the Youth Challenge Program sponsored by the Louisiana National Guard is treated as temporarily out of the home. A letter from the Youth Challenge Program is sufficient documentation. The parent, caretaker relative, or guardian should apply for the child. **

- The child, parent or caretaker relative is in a medical facility **.

- The child, parent or caretaker relative is in a psychiatric hospital.

Note:

If the psychiatric hospital is Medicaid-approved as a long term care (LTC) facility, the patient should be removed from the MAGI-related certification and certified for LTC for the duration of the hospitalization. Refer to [H-820, Long Term Care – MAGI-Related](#).

I-812 ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

For this requirement, a home is defined as the family setting maintained by the relative with whom the child lives, as evidenced by the fact that the relative assumes responsibility for the day-to-day care of the child.

Assist homeless families with establishing a mailing address. This could be the agency office, a local non-profit agency or local post office where the enrollee can pick up their medical cards and receive notifications.

Note:

Homeless recipients must meet the residency requirement.

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I-819**RESERVED****I-820****VERIFICATION**

Accept the declaration of the applicant/enrollee, unless questionable. Case documentation should support additional verification, when requested.