

CHAMP PREGNANT WOMAN**H-330****H-331 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS**

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

H-331.1 Determine Assistance/Benefit Unit

The assistance/benefit unit consists of the pregnant woman.

H-331.2 Establish Categorical Requirement

A CHAMP pregnant woman must be pregnant for each month of eligibility, except the 60-day postpartum period.

H-331.3 Establish Non - Financial Eligibility

Verify eligibility for each member of the assistance/benefit unit with regard to the following factors:

- Enumeration I-600
- Assignment of Third Party Rights I-200
- Citizenship/Alien Status I-300
- Residence I-1900

Evaluate the need for Support Enforcement Services (SES). Refer to I-2000.

H-331.4 Establish Need**A. Determine Composition of the Income Unit**

The income unit consists of the following persons living in the home:

- pregnant woman,
- pregnant woman's husband,
- unborn(s),
- an unborn's siblings not excluded by the pregnant woman (the income unit also includes siblings who are 18 years old and will graduate from high school prior to their 19th birthday),

Note:

Do not include the non-legal father of the unborn in the income standard. Do not include the income of the non-legal father of the unborn. Count any direct contributions he makes to the pregnant woman as unearned income.

Do not include the income of parents or siblings of Pregnant Unmarried Minor's (PUM) or Pregnant Minor Unmarried Mother's (MUM) when determining Medicaid eligibility for a pregnant MUM or PUM.

Do not include a military father who does not live in the home. Count only direct contributions or allotments.

Include sanctioned individuals in the income unit, but do not include their needs in determining the income standard.

Refer to H-100.3, Assistance/Benefit Unit - Optional Exclusions for persons living in the home who may be optionally excluded.

H-331.4 Continued**B. Determine Need/Countable Income**

- Step 1. Determine the income unit.
- Step 2. Determine total monthly gross income of the income unit.
- Step 3. Subtract the first 15% of total monthly gross income.
- Step 4. Subtract the following deductions/exemptions from each member's gross earnings (Refer to I-1525, Need - C-Related Income, Treatment of Income):
- standard deduction, and

 - dependent care cost for a child or incapacitated adult living in the home if this care is needed for a member of the income unit to accept or continue employment. It is not necessary for the child or incapacitated adult to be a member of the assistance unit but they must be a member of the income unit.

Step 5. Total the countable earned income.

- Step 6. Determine total countable unearned income for each member of the income unit.
- Step 7. Add countable earned and unearned income of all members of the income unit to determine total income.
- Step 8. Compare the total countable income to the appropriate income standard for the income unit size. Refer to Z-0000, Charts.

Note:

If the PW is income ineligible in the month of application a retroactive Medicaid determination shall be considered.

H-331.5 Eligibility Decision

Evaluate all eligibility requirements and verification received to make the eligibility decision to either reject or certify the case.

H-331.6 Certification Period

The certification period begins with the first month of eligibility and continues without interruption through the calendar month in which the 60-day postpartum period ends.

H-331.7 Notice of Decision

Send the appropriate notice of decision to the applicant/recipient and to the Qualified Provider who referred the applicant.

Notify the mother of the right to apply for Medicaid for her child in other kinds of assistance.

Reminder:

Send BHSF Flyer-WIC as per form instructions.

H-331.8 Deem Newborn

The newborn is deemed eligible at birth only if the mother is determined eligible for Medicaid for the month of birth. Refer to H-400, Deemed Eligible.

Example:

Ms. PW, whose baby was born in January, applies for CHAMP in April. She is certified retroactively to the month of the child's birth. The child is deemed eligible because the mother was determined eligible for Medicaid at the time the child was born.

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