

Health Care Finance and Administration	Section: Non-Financial Eligibility Requirements
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AGE

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1. Policy Statement

In order to be eligible for TennCare Medicaid or CoverKids, an individual must meet the age requirement of the specific TennCare Medicaid or CoverKids category.

2. Verification

HCFA accepts self-attestation of the applicant's age, unless the HCFA has information that is not compatible with the attested information. If there is reason to believe that the attested age is incorrect, the state will attempt to verify the age of the individual using specific electronic data sources. If the individual's age is unable to be electronically verified, then acceptable documentary evidence of age must be provided.

a. Electronic Data Source

The following is a list of electronic data sources that may be used to verify the age of an applicant:

- Federal Data Services Hub (Hub);
- Social Security Administration interface; and
- Tennessee Vital Statistics.

b. Documentary Evidence

The following is a list of acceptable documentary evidence of age:

- A birth certificate;
- Birth verification;
- Census Bureau records;
- Immigration record;
- An insurance policy;
- A passport; and
- Proof of entitlement to Social Security benefits based on age.

If none of the examples of documentary evidence listed above can be provided, HCFA will accept a statement from the applicant which reasonably explains the discrepancy.