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PRESUMPTIVELY ELIGIBLE PREGNANT WOMEN

Legal Authority: 42 CFR 435.4; 42 CFR 435.603; 42 CFR 435.956; 42 CFR 435.1101-1103

1. Policy Statement

The Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women category provides temporary TennCare Medicaid coverage for pregnant women applying for TennCare Medicaid. The Tennessee Department of Health (DOH) facilitates the application process for pregnant women applying for TennCare Medicaid (presumptive and regular benefits) at local health departments throughout the state, and at the Memphis Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women category is intended to provide a pregnant woman with coverage while she completes her TennCare Medicaid application.

2. Eligibility Period

Eligibility in this category begins on the date on which a qualified entity determines that an individual is presumptively eligible and ends on the earlier of:

- In a case where a Medicaid application has not been filed, the last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility was made; or
- In a case where a Medicaid application has been filed, the day on which a decision is made on a filed Medicaid application.

Only one period of presumptive eligibility is provided per pregnancy.

3. Non-Financial Eligibility Requirements

- a. Age:** There is no minimum or maximum age for the Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women category.
- b. Citizenship:** A pregnant woman must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National or eligible non-citizen. Self-attestation of citizenship is accepted.
- c. Enumeration:** A pregnant woman that is eligible to have a Social Security Number (SSN) should provide an SSN, unless she meets an exception. Eligibility in the Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women category should not be denied when an individual is unable to provide an SSN.
- d. State Residence:** A pregnancy woman must be a Tennessee resident. Self-attestation of residency status is accepted.
- e. Child Support Cooperation:** A pregnant woman is not required to cooperate with child support.

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f. Pregnancy: A woman must be pregnant. Self-attestation of pregnancy is accepted.

4. Financial Eligibility Requirements

a. Income Standard

The income standard for this category is 195% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Self-attestation of income is accepted when applying for presumptive eligibility.

b. Resource Test

There is no resource test.

5. Presumptive Eligibility Application Process

Staff at the DOH offices process eligibility for the Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women category. DOH staff input the required eligibility information into the appropriate DOH system, which is then sent to interChange. Staff at the Memphis FQHC will complete a paper application and submit to the DOH state office for processing.

The DOH staff will also facilitate completion of a full TennCare Medicaid application when the woman is processed for presumptive eligibility.