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**OVERVIEW**

MiChild is a MAGI-related Medicaid Expansion program for children who are under 19 years of age and who are not enrolled in comprehensive health insurance. Children who get enrolled in comprehensive health insurance during their 12 continuous month eligibility period, cannot be closed until redetermination, with limited exceptions.

Other eligibility criteria for MiChild is the same as Children under 19 (U19) with the exception that MiChild beneficiaries are responsible for making monthly premium payments; see *premiums* in this item.

Eligibility begins the first day of the month of application. The 3-month retroactive period applies unless the beneficiary was enrolled in other comprehensive medical insurance during that time. Retroactive MiChild coverage is not available prior to January 1, 2016.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

- Age zero to age one is 196 percent to 212 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Age one to age 19 is 161 percent to 212 percent of the FPL.

**PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY**

Refer to BEM 136 for presumptive eligibility policy.

**PREMIUMS**

Beginning January 1, 2024 MiChild beneficiaries are no longer required to pay premiums.

**NONFINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FACTORS**

The person must be under age 19. The MA eligibility factors in the following items must be met:

- BEM 220, Residence.
- BEM 221, Identity.
- BEM 223, Social Security Numbers.

- BEM 225, Citizenship/Alien Status.
- BEM 255, Child Support.
- BEM 257, Third Party Resource Liability.EM 265, Institutional Status.
- BEM 270, Pursuit of Benefits.

## FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

### Household Composition

Household composition follows tax rules, refer to BEM 211.

### Assets

There is no asset test for MICHild.

### Divestment

Policy in BEM 405 applies regarding divestment of income in order to obtain MICHild eligibility.

### Income

Income eligibility is determined according to MAGI rules. Countable income as determined by MAGI rules cannot exceed 212% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

## ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

Beneficiaries remain eligible for 12 months of continuous eligibility for MICHild unless the person meets one of the following criteria:

- Reaches age 19.
- Moves out of state.
- Is ineligible due to Institutional Status; see BEM 265.
- Death.
- Requests closure.

**Note:** If eligibility was granted based on incorrect or fraudulent information, continuous eligibility may be interrupted.

BEM 546 gives instruction on how to determine the post-eligibility patient-pay amount if the month being tested is an L/H month and eligibility exists.

**Note:** An ex parte review (see glossary) is required before Medicaid closures when there is an actual or anticipated change, unless the change would result in closure due to ineligibility for all Medicaid. When possible, an ex parte review should begin at least 90 days before the anticipated change is expected to result in case closure. The ex parte review includes consideration of all MA categories; see BAM 115 and 220.

## HEARINGS

MiChild applicants and beneficiaries are entitled to full hearing rights. Individuals have the right to contest a department decision affecting Medicaid eligibility whenever they believe the decision is incorrect, or when their application is not acted upon with reasonable promptness; see BAM 600, Hearings.

## LEGAL BASE

### MA

Social Security Act XXI, 1905(u)(2)(B)  
42 CFR 457.320(A)(2) and (3). 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIV)  
42 CFR 435.229 and 435.4