

Implementation Guide: Medicaid State Plan Eligibility Eligibility Groups – Mandatory Coverage Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections

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Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections

POLICY CITATION

Statute: 408(a)(11)(B), 1931(c)(1)

Regulation: 42 CFR 435.115

BACKGROUND

This reviewable unit (RU) describes the four-month extension of Medicaid for families that have lost Medicaid eligibility due to increased household income from spousal support collections.

Under this group, eligibility is extended for a period of 4 months for individuals who received Medicaid under the Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives group and for their dependent children who were eligible under the Infants and Children under Age 19 group.

To qualify for the extension, an individual must have been covered under the Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives group for at least 3 of the 6 months immediately preceding the month in which the individual became ineligible due to new or increased spousal support payments. Loss of eligibility may be caused solely by the increase in spousal support, or could be a combination of increased spousal support and other changes. The individual's dependent child is also eligible for the 4-month extension if he or she was covered under the group for infants and children under age 19 and loses eligibility at the same time. If the child loses eligibility in the Infants and Children under Age 19 group after the extension begins, he or she is still eligible for the remainder of the extension.

It is important to note that eligibility under this group includes both parents or other caretaker relatives and their dependent children. The definition of dependent child for this purpose is based on the definition in the regulations, at 42 CFR 435.4, and the choices made relative to the term "dependent child" in the **Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives** RU.

INSTRUCTIONS

A. Characteristics

There are two statements (**A.1.** and **A.2**) describing the characteristics of this eligibility group.

B. Period of Extension

The period of extended eligibility for this group is four months.

C. Additional Information (optional)

Except in limited circumstances, this field remains blank. Please consult with CMS before adding any additional information concerning this RU.

REVIEW CRITERIA

No specific review criteria are needed.