

Implementation Guide:
Medicaid State Plan Eligibility
Reasonable Classifications of Children – Under Age
21, 20, 19, or 18

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POLICY CITATION

Statute: 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (IV), 1905(a)(i)

BACKGROUND

This screen is used to identify the reasonable classifications of children the state elects to cover under the optional reasonable classifications of individuals under age 21 eligibility group. It is displayed when the state is completing the **Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21** reviewable unit (RU) and the state covered one or more reasonable classifications of individuals prior to January 1, 2014.

Once completed, the screen's content is automatically inserted in the **Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21** RU. See the **Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21** implementation guide for the background on that eligibility group, which also applies to the content of this screen.

The options available for selection are classifications that states have used previously for this purpose, along with an ability to define other additional classifications. For each reasonable classification selected, the state defines the age of individuals covered. If the reasonable classification was covered prior to January 1, 2014, states may select under age 21, 20, 19 or 18. For any new reasonable classification covered, the state may select either under age 21 or under age 20. If a reasonable classification was not covered prior to January 1, 2014, the income standard cannot exceed the state's 1996 AFDC payment standard. Therefore, such a reasonable classification will only reach individuals who are age 19 and/or age 20 because children under age 19, who have income below the standard for this group, will be covered under the mandatory eligibility group for infants and children under age 19 (42 CFR 435.118)

INSTRUCTIONS

When you select *Add Classification* on the **Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21** RU, this screen is displayed to enter a reasonable classification of individuals.

Select one or more of the five options that are presented:

- If *Individuals for whom public agencies are assuming full or partial responsibility* is selected,
 - Choose:
 - *Individuals placed in foster care homes by public agencies,*
 - *Individuals placed in private institutions by public agencies,* or
 - Both.
 - If *Individuals placed in foster care homes by public agencies* is selected,

- Choose one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
- Select ***Individuals placed in foster care homes by private, non-profit agencies***, if such individuals are also covered, and select one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
- If ***Individuals placed in private institutions by public agencies*** is selected,
 - Choose one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
 - Select ***Individuals placed in foster care homes by private, non-profit agencies***, if such individuals are also covered, and select one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
- If ***Individuals in adoptions subsidized in full or part by a public agency*** is selected, choose one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
- If ***Individuals in nursing facilities, if nursing facility services are provided under this plan*** is selected,
 - Choose one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
 - Select ***Also individuals in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID), if these services are provided under this plan***, if such individuals are also covered, and select one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
- If ***Individuals receiving active treatment as inpatients in psychiatric facilities or programs, if such services are provided under this plan*** is selected, choose one of the options to indicate the age group to which the classification applies.
- If ***Other reasonable classifications*** is selected,
 - Provide a brief name for the classification.
 - Provide a complete description of the individuals in the classification.
 - Select the age group to which the classification applies.
 - To add another classification, select the + ***Add Classification*** link.
 - For each classification added, provide a name and description and select the age to which the classification applies.
 - To delete a classification, select the ***Remove Classification*** link under the classification you wish to delete.

Select the ***Save Classifications*** button to insert the classifications into the **Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21 RU**.

REVIEW CRITERIA

If “Other reasonable classification” is selected, the state must provide a name and thorough description of the classification so that the reviewer can clearly understand the individuals included in the classification and confirm that the classification is reasonable.

Confirm that for any new reasonable classification covered, the state selected either under age 21 or under age 20.