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To: ACCESS Florida District Operations Managers
ACCESS Florida Zone Program Offices

From: Jennifer Lange, Director, ACCESS Florida (**Signature on File**)

Subject: Medicaid Eligibility for Pregnant Women Process

This memorandum provides staff with a reminder of the ways pregnant women may apply for Medicaid and how staff can assist in the application process.

There are three ways to apply for pregnancy Medicaid and all require proof of pregnancy. The three methods are as follows:

1. **Simplified Eligibility for Pregnant Women (SEPW)**. This process, sometimes called MomCare, was created in 2001 to allow eligible pregnant women to be approved for Medicaid quickly. A specialized paper application, called Health Insurance for Pregnant Women (CF-ES 2700), is used to determine Medicaid eligibility for the pregnant woman only. Policy transmittal [P-01-06-0065](#) provides more detailed information about the different income verification policies and procedures for SEPW. There is also information about SEPW in the Knowledge Bank.
2. **Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women (PEPW)**. Women may also go to a Qualified Designated Provider (QDP) to receive temporary Medicaid coverage for their prenatal care, usually the same day they apply. The application is forwarded to the Department to determine ongoing Medicaid eligibility. DCF staff cannot determine presumptive coverage.
3. **ACCESS Florida Application**. If the pregnant woman wishes to receive other benefits, such as cash, food stamps or benefits for other family members, she must complete a "regular" paper or web application and the normal processing guidelines apply.

Attached to this memorandum is a job aid to provide staff a quick reference tool related to the different ways a pregnant woman can become Medicaid eligible.

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The Department of Health (DOH) sent a similar memo to their staff and the Healthy Start Coalitions.

Page three of the CF-ES 2700 application has been updated to include clarifications on the U.S. citizenship and identity policy.

Attachment

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Medicaid Eligibility for Pregnant Women Process

	Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PEPW) (MU)	Simplified Eligibility for Pregnant Women (SEPW) (MMP)	Other Medicaid Including Medically Needy
How to apply	Complete the paper application (CF-ES 2700)	Complete the paper application (CF-ES 2700)	Complete either the electronic or paper ACCESS application
Submit to Whom	Qualified designated provider (QDP)	DCF ACCESS staff in person, by mail or fax	DCF ACCESS staff in person, on-line, by mail or fax
Procedure	Presumptive eligibility determination using CF- Operating Procedure 165-9* Send the application to DCF within 5 days	Simplified eligibility determination by DCF	Regular application processing by DCF
Common Documentation Needed Prior to Approval	Proof of pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proof of pregnancy ▪ Citizenship or non-citizen status and identity (U.S. citizens) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proof of pregnancy ▪ Citizenship or non-citizen status and identity (U.S. citizens) ▪ Income (all household members)
Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pregnancy-related outpatient services and prescriptions only ▪ One presumptive period per pregnancy. ▪ Pregnant women only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full Medicaid services including delivery ▪ Pregnant women only 	Medicaid for all eligible household members if requested
Duration	Begins the date of application and last until DCF makes a final determination or 60 days (whichever is less)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Begins the first day of the application month through 2 months post-partum ▪ Up to 3 months retroactive if requested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Begins the first day of the application month through 2 months post-partum ▪ Up to 3 months retroactive if requested

*Operating procedures are located on the DCF website