

# ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR MISSISSIPPI HEALTH BENEFITS

## (Families and Children Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program)

Mississippi Health Benefits includes four Medicaid programs and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Individuals who may qualify are:

- Children up to age 19
- Low-income adults with children under age 18
- Pregnant women

### Medical Assistance Program (MA-85)

This program provides Medicaid coverage for low income families with children under age 18. Children must be deprived of the support of one or both parents due to incapacity, death, and continued absence or under/unemployment. Adults, who are either parents or custodial relatives, within certain degrees of relationship to the children, may also qualify. This is the only program which has both gross and net income maximums.

Pregnant women may be eligible in this program if family income does not exceed the gross and net maximums based on family size. The pregnant woman, her spouse and children, if applicable, and unborn(s) are included in the family size.

The expected due date must be verified by a healthcare professional.

As a condition of eligibility, the adult must cooperate with child support enforcement requirements for each child deprived due to a parent's continued absence from the home.

### Expanded Medicaid Program (EM-87)

Medicaid coverage is provided in this program for children up to age 6 whose family income does not exceed 133% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

### Infant Survival Program (IS-88)

Children up to age 1 and pregnant women whose family income does not exceed 185% of FPL may qualify in this program.

Pregnant women are eligible if family income does not exceed the appropriate family size which includes the pregnant woman, her spouse and children, if applicable, and unborn(s).

The expected due date must be verified by a healthcare professional. Eyeglass and dental services are not available to pregnant women in this program.

### Poverty Level Medicaid Program (PL-91)

Medicaid coverage is provided for children up to age 19 whose family income does not exceed 100% of FPL.

### Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP-99)

CHIP provides insurance coverage for uninsured children up to age 19 whose family income does not exceed 200% of FPL. A child must be determined ineligible for Medicaid before eligibility for CHIP can be considered. Children with current health insurance coverage at the time of application are not eligible for CHIP.

### How To Apply:

An application can be obtained on this website. Applications are also mailed upon request and are available at the Medicaid Regional Office serving your community or at other locations which serve children's needs.

When your application is received by the regional Medicaid office, a Medicaid Specialist will be assigned to assist you with the application process, which includes the requirement for an in-person interview. The following general information will be needed:

- Proof of family income for the most recent full month
- Proof of age for each person applying
- Proof of citizenship or eligible immigrant status for each person applying. An original birth certificate will be needed for each person applying.
- Social Security Numbers for each person applying



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There is no resource test for any health benefits program.

Medical Assistance (MA-85 TANF Need Standard)				Low Income Families with Children Up to Age 18				
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Gross	\$403	\$542	\$680	\$819	\$958	\$1097	\$1235	\$1374
Net	\$218	\$293	\$368	\$443	\$518	\$593	\$668	\$743

*For more than 8 members, add \$75 for each additional person.*

Poverty Level (PL-91 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL))				Children Up to Age 19				
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Net	\$851	\$1141	\$1431	\$1721	\$2011	\$2301	\$2591	\$2881

*For more than 8 members, add \$290 for each additional person.*

Expanded Medicaid (ME-87 133% FPL)				Children Up to Age 6				
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Net	\$1132	\$1518	\$1904	\$2289	\$2675	\$3061	\$3446	\$3832

*For more than 8 members, add \$386 for each additional person.*

Infant Survival (IS-88 185% FPL)				Children Up to Age 1 and Pregnant Women				
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Net	\$1575	\$2111	\$2648	\$3184	\$3721	\$4257	\$4794	\$5330

*For more than 8 members, add \$537 for each additional person.*

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP-99 200% FPL)				Uninsured Children Up to Age 19				
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Net	\$1702	\$2282	\$2862	\$3442	\$4022	\$4602	\$5182	\$5762

*For more than 8 members, add \$580 for each additional person.*

## Each program allows the following deductions from a family's gross income:

- Standard Work Deduction Up to \$90 for each wage earner
- Dependent Care Deduction Up to \$200 per month per child under age 2  
Up to \$175 per month per child age 2 & older
- Child Support Disregard Up to \$50 per family

Call 1-877-543-7669 or go to <http://www.dom.state.ms.us> for more information on how to apply.