

MI-WIC POLICY

Certification/Eligibility

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2.06 Adjunct Income Eligibility

PURPOSE To allow automatic income eligibility, for the WIC Program, for those applicants who are determined to be adjunctively income eligible.

A. POLICY

1. Applicants for WIC benefits shall be considered income eligible if they are a recipient of:
 - a. FIP (Family Independence Program)
 - b. Medicaid/Healthy Kids Program/Plan First
 - c. Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (M.O.M.S.).

Or a member of a family that has one of the following:

- a. A member who receives Food Stamps (Food Assistance Programs or FAP)
- b. An FIP (Family Independence Program) recipient
- c. A pregnant woman or infant receiving Medicaid

Or is an enrollee of one of the following programs and that program has determined that this client's income does not exceed 185% of poverty:

- a. Michigan Children's Special Health Care Services
- b. Family Planning
- c. MICHild
- d. Other State or Federally funded Programs (i.e., reduced price school lunch meals)

2. Members of families enrolled in identified eligible programs are required to make a verbal declaration of income, (for reporting purposes only) as well as provide documentation of enrollment as noted below:
 - a. Food Stamps or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR): The agency should confirm that the family is currently eligible to receive food stamp benefits by viewing a current food stamp approval letter or confirm deposit to Michigan Bridge card food stamp account for the current month. No distinction should be made for regular food stamp eligibility and food stamp benefits based on special disaster provisions.

- b. Medicaid: A current acceptance letter to Medicaid or Healthy Kids Program or alternative confirmation of Medicaid eligibility for the applicant or pregnant woman or infant member of the family. Mihealth cards must be verified for current eligibility.
Alternate confirmation of current Medicaid includes:
 1. MCIR screens (client's Medicaid provider will be listed if current)
 2. Medifax
 3. Blue Cross Blue Shield network access
 4. Netwerkes
 - c. Family Independence Program/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families: Proof of enrollment in FIP (Family Independence Program/TANF Program for any member of the family, such as a current benefits approval letter). Verify deposit to Michigan Bridge Card cash benefit account during the current month.
 - d. Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (M.O.M.S.): Verify through review of Maternity Care Program eligibility notice/guarantee letter or Mihealth card verification (MCIR, Medifax, Netwerkes).
 - e. Family Planning: Verify through review of locally developed Family Planning Income Verification form with income calculated not greater than 185% of poverty level.
 - f. Children's Special Health Care Services [CSHCS]: Verify through review of MSA-0738 form with income calculated not greater than 185% of poverty level.
 - g. State or Federally funded programs where income has been determined not to exceed 185% of poverty level for the family. Verify through acceptance letter.
3. Infants under 6 months of age may have income eligibility determined by verifying that the mother was Medicaid eligible/enrolled during her pregnancy.

Reference:

7 CFR Part 246.7 (d)(2)(vi)
WIC Policy Memorandum 99-06

Cross-reference:

2.04 Income Determination
2.05 Income Guidelines
2.08 Family Size