

MI-WIC POLICY

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Effective Date: 9/10/13

2.06 Adjunct Income Eligibility

PURPOSE: To allow adjunct/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 are adjunct income eligible if they:
 - a. Receive Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits.
 - b. Receive Medicaid/Healthy Kid's Program/Plan First benefits.
 - c. Receive Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (M.O.M.S.) benefits.
 - d. Are an infant of a woman who received Medicaid during her pregnancy.

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

- a. A member who receives Food Assistance Programs (FAP) benefits (SNAP or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Food Stamp).
- 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., free or 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 Assistance Program (FAP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR): The agency confirms that the family is currently eligible to receive food stamp benefits by viewing a current Food Assistance Program approval letter or confirm deposit to Michigan Bridge card FAP account for the current month. No distinction between regular food assistance eligibility and food benefits based on special disaster provisions.
 - b. Medicaid: A current acceptance letter to Medicaid or Healthy Kids Program or confirmation of Medicaid eligibility for the applicant or pregnant woman or infant member of the family. Verify Mihealth account number (Medicaid ID) for eligibility in MI-WIC. "Emergency Only" Medicaid enrollees are adjunctively eligible. Alternate confirmation of current Medicaid includes:
 - i. MiBenefit-MI Health Plan Benefits website
 - ii. MCIR screens (client's Medicaid ID and provider is listed if current)

- iii. Blue Cross Blue Shield network access
- iv. Netwerkes

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.

- c. Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (M.O.M.S.): Verify through review of Maternity Care Program eligibility notice/guarantee letter or MiHealth verification (MI-Benefit, MCIR, Netwerkes).
 - d. Family Planning: Verify through review of locally developed Family Planning Income Verification form with income calculated not greater than 185% of poverty level. Plan First (Family Planning limited Medicaid) enrollees verify through MI-Benefit or MI-WIC using Medicaid ID.
 - e. Children's Special Health Care Services [CSHCS]: Verify through review of MSA-0738 form with income calculated not greater than 185% of poverty level.
 - f. 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. Document "yes" Medicaid and verify mother's Medicaid eligibility on Adjunct Eligibility screen.

Reference:

- 7 CFR Part 246.7 (d)(2)(vi)
- WIC Policy Memorandum 99-06
- WIC Policy Memorandum 2013-3, dated 4/26/13, Income Eligibility Guidance

Cross-reference:

- 2.04 Income Determination
- 2.05 Income Guidelines
- 2.08 Family Size