

MI-WIC POLICY

Eligibility/Certification

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Effective Date: 2/15/18

2.06 Adjunct Income Eligibility

PURPOSE: To allow adjunct/automatic income eligibility for WIC Program applicants determined to be adjunctively income eligible.

A. POLICY

1. WIC applicants are adjunctively income eligible if they receive one of the following.

a. Services from the following Medicaid Programs:

- i. Medicaid
- ii. Healthy Kids
- iii. MICHild
- iv. Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)
- v. Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)
- vi. Emergency Services Only (ESO) (i.e., Healthy Kids-ESO, MICHild-ESO)

Note: Medicaid Deductible (formerly known as “Spenddown”) Beneficiaries are not adjunctively income eligible for WIC. Their income must be used to determine eligibility. (See Policy 2.04.)

b. Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits [i.e., Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamps, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)].

c. Family Independence Program (FIP)/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits.

2. Applicants are adjunctively income eligible if they are an infant of a woman who received Medicaid during her pregnancy.

3. Applicants are adjunctively income eligible if they are a member of a family that have one of the following:

- a. A pregnant woman or infant receiving Medicaid
- b. Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits
- c. Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits

4. To determine adjunctive eligibility enrollment, one of the following forms of documentation is required.

a. Medicaid:

- i. A current acceptance letter to Medicaid, Healthy Kids, MICHild, MOMS, HMP or ESO Program
 - ii. A current Mihealth account number (Medicaid ID) verified by:
 - a. MI-WIC
 - b. CHAMPS (Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System)
 - c. Other State of Michigan websites/verification systems (See Guidance.)
 - b. Food Assistance Program (FAP):
 - i. Current Food Assistance Program approval letter with expiration date
 - ii. Confirmed deposit to Michigan Bridge Card FAP account for the current month
 - iii. Other State of Michigan websites/verification systems (See Guidance)
 - c. Family Independence Program (FIP)/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF):
 - i. Current FIP benefits approval letter with expiration date
 - ii. Confirmed deposit to Michigan Bridge Card cash benefit account for the current month
 - iii. Other State of Michigan websites/verification systems (See Guidance.)
 - d. Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) form MSA-0738 showing income calculation does not exceed 185% of poverty level.
 - e. Current acceptance letter to a state or federally funded program where income has been determined not to exceed 185% of poverty level for the family (i.e., free or reduced-price school meals).
5. Upon approval of adjunct income eligibility, applicants must verbally declare their income (for reporting purposes only).

B. Guidance

1. The following State of Michigan websites/systems can aid in verification of adjunct income eligibility.
 - a. MiBridges: <https://www.mibridges.michigan.gov> (Medicaid, FAP and FIP)
 - b. CHAMPS: MILogin (Medicaid)

- c. Healthcare4mi.gov (Medicaid)
- d. Mihealth: <https://healthplanbenefits.mihealth.org> (Medicaid)
- e. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) phone system: 888-678-8914 (FAP and FIP)

References:

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