

1.10 POVERTY-LEVEL PREGNANT WOMEN

All application procedures found in Section 1.9, Qualified Children, apply to Poverty-Level pregnant women with the following exceptions:

A. APPLICATION FORMS

The **WV-KIDS-1** is used for applications. This may be mailed to the applicant.

An OFS-2 is used when an application is made for another Program at the same time.

B. COMPLETE APPLICATION

Whether the **WV-KIDS-1** is mailed or completed in the office, it is complete when a completed and signed **WV-KIDS-1** and all verification required to process the application are received in the office.

When form OFS-2 is used the application is complete when a completed and signed OFS-2 and all verification required to process the pregnant woman's Medicaid application are received.

C. DATE OF APPLICATION

The date of application is the date a completed **WV-KIDS-1** or OFS-2 as specified in item B above, is received.

NOTE: When the applicant has completed the interactive interview, and there is a technical failure that prevents the printing of the OFS-2, Form OFS-5 must be signed by the applicant, attached and filed in the case record with the subsequently printed OFS-2. The OFS-RR-1 must also be completed and signed. He must not be required to return to the office to sign the OFS-2 when the OFS-5 has been signed.

D. WHO MUST BE INTERVIEWED AND SIGN THE APPLICATION

When the **WV-KIDS-1** is used, no interview is required. However, when an interview is conducted, the following persons are interviewed. These individuals must sign the application depending on the age and living situation of the pregnant woman.

1. Poverty-Level Pregnant Woman, Age 18 And Over

The pregnant woman only is required to sign the OFS-PW-4 or the OFS-2.

2. Poverty-Level Pregnant Woman Under Age 18 And Living At Home With A Parent(s)

At least one parent of the minor pregnant woman and the minor pregnant woman must sign the OFS-PW-4 or the OFS-2.

3. Poverty-Level Pregnant Woman Under Age 18 And Not Living At Home With A Parent(s)

The pregnant woman only is required to sign the OFS-PW-4 or the OFS-2.

E. BEGINNING DATE OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Application While Pregnant

A pregnant woman may have her eligibility determined back to the date her pregnancy was originally diagnosed, provided she met all eligibility requirements at the time.

2. Application After Pregnancy Ends

When the client applies within 3 months of the termination of the pregnancy, eligibility may be backdated up to three months, prior to the month of application, in which she met all eligibility requirements.

F. EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Data system action must be taken to approve, deny or withdraw the application within 13 days of the date a completed OFS-PW-4 or OFS-2 is received in the county office.

When an OFS-2 is used, the application for Medicaid coverage as a Poverty-Level pregnant woman must be processed within 13 days of the date a complete application is received, even though the application for the other Program may not require faster processing.

G. SPECIAL PROCEDURE

When the Poverty-Level pregnant woman's application is denied for any reason, a list of denied applications is generated by RAPIDS and made available to the Office for Maternal and Child Health.

This permits MCH to evaluate the client for other available government-sponsored health care.

H. CLIENT NOTIFICATION

See Chapter 6. In addition, the eligible Poverty-Level pregnant woman must be notified that she remains eligible for 2 months after the month in which her pregnancy ends.

I. REDETERMINATION SCHEDULE

A redetermination is completed in the first month of the postpartum period.

Although the redetermination is scheduled in the first month of the postpartum period to allow for evaluation of eligibility for other coverage groups, that coverage, if eligible, must not begin until expiration of the full postpartum period.

J. THE BENEFIT

See Section 1.9,S for retroactive and ongoing benefits.

NOTE: A Qualified Child, regardless of the date of birth, who becomes pregnant and who is also eligible as a Poverty-Level pregnant woman, must receive Medicaid as a Poverty-Level pregnant woman.

The Poverty-Level PW's eligibility ends on the last day of the 60-day postpartum period or on the last day of the effective month of closure.