

I. CATEGORICALLY NEEDY (MN) CONTINUOUSLY ELIGIBLE NEWBORN CHILDREN (CEN),

NOTE: See Section 16.8,A for Medically Needy CEN coverage.

Income: N/A

Assets: N/A

NOTE: If a child is receiving inpatient services on the date he would lose eligibility due to attainment of age 1, eligibility must continue until the end of that inpatient stay.

A Continuously Eligible Newborn Child (CEN) (birth - 12 months) is eligible for Medicaid until he reaches age 1, when all of the following conditions are met:

- The child is not eligible for SSI Medicaid
- A Medicaid application was made, or considered to have been made, and approved. The application may be made up to 3 months after the child's birth. If the child's mother was eligible for and receiving Medicaid from West Virginia in the month the child was born, an application is considered to have been made for the child.
- The child resides continuously in West Virginia during the entire CEN period. If the child leaves WV and returns, CEN coverage cannot be reinstated.

Specific Medicaid Requirements

NOTE: Under SSI, a child born to an institutionalized woman is eligible on the date of birth only. Eligibility under all other Medicaid coverage groups must be explored immediately for these children.

- The mother remains eligible for any Categorically Needy Medicaid coverage group or would be eligible for Categorically Needy Medicaid if she were still pregnant. Changes in the mother's family income never affect the child's eligibility as a CEN, because changes in income never affect the eligibility of a Poverty-Level Pregnant Woman. Refer to item E above. In addition, failure of the child's mother to complete a redetermination does not result in ineligibility for the CEN.

CEN's must not be required to have an AFDC/U deprivation factor or to live with a specified relative (other than the mother), and there is no income or asset test for such children. Enumeration requirements are not to be applied.

NOTE: There is no requirement that the CEN be evaluated as a QC. He must remain a CEN until he reaches age 1, as long as all CEN eligibility requirements are met.