

Policy Clarification – Medicaid – All PMA 17287-322

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Authorizing Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for Temporary Residents

Question:

How should the CAO go about authorizing MA eligibility for temporary residents (Citizenship Code 3)?

Response By: Division of Health Services Date: 8/26/14

Per OPS 120502, non-citizens who are “lawfully residing” and are pregnant or under age 21 may be evaluated for Federally-funded MA, if they meet all standard non-financial and financial criteria. If the individual is eligible for a MAGI-related category (MG 27, MG 00, MG 19), the system will pass the individual during the normal processing workflow with no additional work on the part of the Income Maintenance Caseworker (IMC). If a temporary alien is pregnant or under 21 and needs to be evaluated for a non-MAGI category, a workaround is required, as described in OPS 120502. On the Alien/Refugee screen, the IMC should enter that the individual has an emergency medical condition of “lawfully residing” with the application date as the condition start date and the individual’s due date or 21st birthday as the condition end date. The system will then automatically evaluate the individual for all appropriate MA categories. A system update is being planned to correct this issue in the future.

Note: Individuals receiving Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not considered “lawfully residing” individuals for MA benefits and should be coded as Citizenship Code 05.

Note: The system is working properly for permanent alien residents (Citizenship Code 2).