

Policy Clarifications – Medicaid – All PMA-17994-312

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Subject: MG19 Eligibility Criteria

Question: Have there been any changes made to the eligibility criteria for MG19?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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Yes, the current eligibility criteria listed in MAEH 312.1 for MG19 have been modified with the release of this clarification.

Current Policy	New Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">MG19Y is assigned to “newly eligible” children ages 6-18 with budget income between 100% and 133% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline (FPIG). <p>“Newly eligible” is defined as having never received Medical Assistance (MA) prior or having at least a one day break in MA coverage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MG19Y must be assigned to any child age 6-18 with income between 100% and 133% of the FPIG. <p>The “newly eligible” criterion no longer applies.</p>

Example: Joe (age 13) lives with his mother, Debbie. Joe is open MG00Y based on a two-person household income of \$1,200 per month, which is under the 100% FPIG for 2016. Debbie reports that she received a raise at work and her household income is now \$1,500 per month, which is over the 100% FPIG, but under the 133% FPIG for 2016. Based on Debbie’s increase in income, Joe’s category will change from MG00Y to MG19Y.

This policy clarification will be obsolete upon publishing of updates to Chapter 312, Affordable Care Act/Modified Adjusted Gross Income.