

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: AlabamaSECTION 2 – COVERAGE AND ELIGIBILITY

Citation(s)

2.1 Application, Determination of Eligibility and Furnishing Medicaid
(Continued)1902(e)(13) of
the Act

X (e) Express Lane Option. The Medicaid State agency elects the option to rely on a finding from an Express Lane agency when determining whether a child satisfies one or more components of Medicaid eligibility. The Medicaid State agency agrees to meet all of the Federal statutory and regulatory requirements for this option. This authority may not apply to eligibility determinations made before February 4, 2009.

(1) The Express Lane option is applied to:

 Initial determinations Redeterminations Both

(2) A child is defined as an individual under age:

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(3) The following public agencies are approved by the Medicaid State agency as Express Lane agencies:

The Alabama Department of Human Resources in the administration of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

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- (4) The following components of Medicaid eligibility are determined under the Express Lane option:

Net income information, family size and income disregards from SNAP or TANF will be used to determine Medicaid eligibility. The following summarizes differences in methodology:

Required for Budget Unit: For Medicaid- only the child and legal parents living in the home; For SNAP-the child and other individuals who purchase food or prepare meals for home consumption; For TANF-only the child and the legal parent living in the home

Net Income Limit: For Medicaid -100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for children age 6 and older and 133% of the FPL for children under 6; For SNAP- 100% of the FPL for children under 19; For TANF - 11% of the FPL for children under age 19

Income Disregards: For Medicaid-\$90 of wages per wage earner, amount of allowable deductions for self-employment (SE) operating expenses, up to \$175 for child care expenses for children age 2 and older and up to \$200 for children under 2, and \$30 and 1/3 of income for one year for individuals covered under Section 1931; For SNAP- Earned income deduction of 20% of gross wages, SE deduction of 40% of gross proceeds, amount of actual dependent care expenses, medical deduction for a disabled child with expenses in excess of \$35, amount of court-ordered child support paid, shelter cost deduction, standard deduction for household size; For TANF – Earned income deduction of 20% of gross wages, SE deduction of 40% of gross proceeds, and amount of dependent care expenses

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(5) Check off and describe the option used to satisfy the Screen and Enroll requirement before a child may be enrolled under title XXI:

(a) Screening threshold established by the Medicaid agency as:

(i) percentage of the FPL which exceeds the highest Medicaid income threshold applicable to a child by a minimum of 30 percentage points; specify _____; or

(ii) percentage of the FPL (describe how this reflects the value of any differences between income methodologies of Medicaid and the Express Lane agency: _____); or

(b) Temporary enrollment pending screen and enroll.

(c) State's regular screen and enroll process for CHIP.

(6) The State elects the option for automatic enrollment without a Medicaid application, based on data obtained from other sources and with the child's or family's affirmative consent to the child's Medicaid enrollment.

(7) The State elects the option to rely on a finding from an Express Lane agency that includes gross income or adjusted gross income shown by State income tax records or returns.

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