

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
Medical Assistance Program

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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 determination made before February 4, 2009, or after September 30, 2013.

- (1) The Express Lane option is applied to:
 Initial Determinations Redeterminations

 Both
- (2) A child is defined as younger than age:
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- (3) The following public agencies are approved by the Medicaid State agency as Express Lane agencies:

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) in the administration of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

- (4) The following component/components of Medicaid eligibility are determined under the Express Lane option. Also, specify any differences in budget unit, deeming, income exclusions, income disregards, or other methodology between Medicaid eligibility determinations for such children and the determination under the Express Lane option.

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Income, budget unit and resources will be used to determine Medicaid eligibility. The following summarizes differences in methodology:

Income: Medicaid – 200% FPL
SNAP – 130% FPL
TANF – 50% FPL

Income disregards: Medicaid – Standard work deduction of \$100 is applied to the determined monthly gross earned income; the first \$50 of child support; a deduction for dependent care expense allowed for up to \$200 per month, per child under age 12 or incapacitated adult reduced by the amount of Childcare Assistance; the income of family members who receive SSI.

SNAP - standard deduction (\$142 for household size of 1-3); 20% of earned income; maximum excess shelter deduction of up to \$417; mandatory utility allowance of \$272 if the household has heating/cooling costs or a basic utility allowance of \$134 or actual utility expenses and a telephone allowance of \$33; monthly dependent care expenses; legally obligated child support deduction; medical deduction

TANF - a 50% earned income disregard for four months provided they pass the gross income test or \$100 earned income disregard following the fourth month of the 50% disregard

Budget unit: Medicaid - income and resources of the parents and children in the home.

SNAP – the child and other individuals who purchase food or prepare meals together for home consumption

TANF - The dependent child(ren) for whom assistance is requested, the biological, legal or adoptive parent, stepparent(s), minor, adoptive and half-siblings.

Resources: Medicaid - \$30,000 limit per budget unit.

SNAP - \$2,000 per budget unit

TANF - \$2,500 per budget unit

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(5) Check off which option is 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 Federal Poverty level which exceeds the highest Medicaid income threshold applicable to a child by a minimum of 30 percentage points: specify _____; or

(ii) ___ percentage of the Federal poverty level (describe how this reflects the value of any difference 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 child's Medicaid enrollment.

(7) Check off if 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.