

**Legislative Regulation
Review Committee**

2008-058

Department of Social Services

**INCREASE IN INCOME LIMIT FOR
PREGNANT WOMEN**

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
UNIFORM POLICY MANUAL**

Date: 1-1-08 **Transmittal: UP-08-** **1520.05**

Section: **Type:**
The Eligibility Process **POLICY**

Chapter: **Program:** **MA**
Expedited Eligibility for Pregnant Women

Subject:
Identifying Eligible Assistance Units

1520.05 A. Cases Entitled to Expedited Eligibility

The Department determines HUSKY eligibility on an expedited basis for those who qualify for the coverage group of Pregnant Women Under [185%] 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (P02). (Cross-reference: 2540.43)

B. Required Verifications

The following factors of eligibility must be verified before HUSKY may be granted under the expedited eligibility method:

1. pregnancy;
2. identity of the applicant; and
3. alien status of non-citizens.

C. Postponed Verifications

1. Verification of all other factors of eligibility may be postponed.
2. The pregnant woman must cooperate with the Department to verify the postponed verifications to continue to receive assistance.
3. If the required verification is not provided, eligibility under the expedited rules ends.

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Section:
Categorical Eligibility Requirements

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POLICY

Chapter:
Medicaid Coverage Groups

Program:
FMA-CN

Subject:
HUSKY A for Pregnant Women with Income Under [185%] 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (P02)

2540.43 A. Coverage Group Description

This group includes pregnant women whose family income does not exceed [185%] 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.

B. Duration of Eligibility

1. Women qualify for HUSKY A under this coverage group each month during pregnancy.
2. Once initial eligibility has been established, eligibility continues throughout pregnancy without regard to any change in family income.

C. Income and Asset Criteria

1. The Department uses AFDC income criteria, except for:
 - a. income limits; and
 - b. determining from whom income is deemed (cross-reference: 5020).
2. The income limit is [185%] 250% of the Federal Poverty Level for the appropriate needs group size. The unborn child is included in the needs group. (Cross reference: P-4530.15 page 4)
3. There is no asset limit for this coverage group.

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Standard of Assistance

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POLICY

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Medical Assistance Income Standards

Program:

MA-CN

Subject:

Federal Poverty Level

4530.20 B. Standard of Assistance (continued)

[3] 4. a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level for assistance units consisting of Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries, as follows:

a. effective January 1, 1993, 110 percent;

b. effective January 1, 1995, 120 percent.

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Treatment of Income

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Deemed Income

Program: FMA

Subject:

Coverage Groups and Related Methodologies

5020.07 A. Categorically Needy Methodology

Income is deemed to members of the following FMA coverage groups using the same calculation as the AFDC program.

These coverage groups include the following:

1. AFDC Recipients;
2. Additional Work Transition Extension;
3. AFDC-Eligible Non-Recipients;
4. Special Child Care Deductions;
5. Participants in Work Supplementation;
6. Categorically Needy Pregnant Women;
7. Categorically Needy Ribicoff Children.

B. Medically Needy Methodology

1. Income is deemed to members of coverage groups under the medically needy methodology using the same calculations as the AFDC program, unless both of the following are true:
 - a. the assistance unit is ineligible because income exceeds needs; and
 - b. counted income includes income deemed from beyond the medically needy deeming limits.
2. Under the medically needy deeming limits, income is deemed only from a spouse to a spouse and a parent to a child.

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- 5020.07 3. If the deeming of income beyond the medically needy limits causes ineligibility for the assistance unit:
- a. eligibility is recalculated; and
 - b. income from the deemor is not counted for any member who is not the deemor's child or spouse; and
 - c. if necessary, the assistance unit is split into sub-units to separate the members who are within the medically needy deeming limits from those who are not (Cross-Reference: Assistance Unit Composition-2010.20).
4. This methodology is used for all medically needy coverage groups and for the following categorically needy groups:
- a. Eligible for AFDC except for Non-Medicaid Requirements;
 - b. Pregnant Women Under [185%] 250% of the Federal Poverty Level;
 - c. Children Under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (under age one);
 - d. Children Under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (between ages one and six);
 - e. Children Under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (age six or over born after 9/30/83).

REGULATION

OF

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NAME OF AGENCY

Department of Social Services

Concerning

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

Increase Income Limit for Pregnant Women

SECTION _____

Statement of Purpose: (A) The purpose of the regulation is to amend sections 1520.05, 2540.43, 4530.20 and 5020.07 of the Uniform Policy Manual (UPM) pursuant to section 17b-277 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 07-02 (9) of the June Special Session. The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address are: to increase access to medical care by increasing the income limit for pregnant women under the Medicaid program.

(B) The main provisions of the regulation provide an increase in the income limit for pregnant women for the Medicaid program from 185% of federal poverty level, to income not exceeding 250% of the federal poverty level.

(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws are: to increase the income limit for pregnant women in order to increase access to medical care for needy pregnant women. The department implemented and began to operate under the policy change on January 1, 2008.

CERTIFICATION
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Be it known that the foregoing:

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Regulations Emergency Regulations

Are:
 Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Sections _____ of the General Statutes.

Section 17b-277 of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act No. 07-02(9) of the _____ Public Acts.

Public Act No. _____ of the Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on _____, of the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt Amend Repeal such regulations

(If applicable): And the holding of an advertised public hearing on _____ day of _____

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

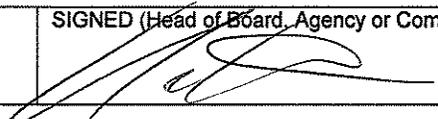
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Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The _____ day of _____

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	<u>8/24/58</u>		Commissioner

Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with sec. 4-169, as amended C.G.S.	SIGNED	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED
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- Approved
- Disapproved
- Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)
- Rejected without prejudice

By the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes.	Date	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee)

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DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State.)	BY

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