

A Deemed Newborn Eligibility Requirements

A child born to a Title XIX eligible mother meets the Deemed Newborn Categorical Coverage eligibility requirements. The mother must meet both of the following requirements:

- She must have applied for MA for herself on or before the date of the child's birth.
- She must have been determined eligible for a Title XIX MA category for the month of the child's birth. This includes a child born to an FES eligible mother as long as the child was born in the United States.

NOTE A child born to a mother whose Title XIX MA case was closed but who continued to receive AHCCCS benefits based on their guaranteed enrollment, is eligible. The child is identified on the CR-600 report with an asterisk (*) and are included in the [Deemed Newborn Automated Process](#).

The mother's eligibility determination may be completed before or after the child's birth.

The child remains continuously eligible for Deemed Newborn Categorical Coverage through the month of the child's first birthday. The following factors must be met:

- The child must continue to reside with the mother.
- Mother and child must remain Arizona residents.

When the following situations occur, consider the child as continuously residing with the mother:

- The child remains in the hospital following the birth and is expected to return to the home of the mother.
- The child or the mother is temporarily absent from the home.

The following situations are NOT considered as continuously residing with the mother:

- The mother relinquishes the child for adoption.
- It has been established that the mother has abandoned the child.

Deemed Newborn Categorical Coverage is provided through the month of the child's first birthday. The child must continue to reside with the mother in Arizona.

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