

2428.00.00 NEWBORN STATUS (MED)

The policy stated in this section only applies to a child born to a woman who is eligible and enrolled in any MA category (except MA10) on the date of birth, even if retroactively found eligible. The infant is eligible for 12 continuous months of coverage in the aid category MA X if the child continues to live in Indiana. This policy also includes infants born to mothers who are eligible for emergency Medicaid services only.

An application is not required, and the only eligibility factor considered at the time of the birth is that the infant's birth mother was eligible for Medicaid. The infant will automatically be eligible for 12 months of continuous coverage which can only be interrupted due to loss of Indiana residency, ~~a written or verbal~~ voluntary withdrawal from the caretaker/parent (See 2250.00.00 for written/verbal voluntary withdrawal policies), or death of the child.

Refer to Section 2225.10.00 for case processing information and Information about adding a newborn to the case. The newborn must be enrolled in Medicaid without delay.

If the mother is determined eligible for Medicaid/Hoosier Healthwise for the month of the child's birth, the child is eligible in the Newborn category even when the mother applies for Medicaid after the child is born. If the child is born during a month of the mother's retroactive coverage and she is eligible for that month, the baby eligible for the Newborn category.

Coverage in the Newborn category continues for the 12-month period if the child goes to live with someone other than the birth mother, including adoption when the child leaves the hospital and goes directly to live with the adoptive parent(s). However, if the identity and location of the adoptive parent(s) are not known, or the child is adopted by parents living out of state, benefits under the Newborn category are provided for the birth month through discharge and removed the subsequent month. If the infant has not been named, the name assigned to the child by the hospital for identification purposes may be used. If the child is adopted by parents living out of state, newborn coverage in Indiana is approved for the birth month only.