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This chapter presents general information about the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP).

1215.00.00 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Medicaid is a federal and state funded program which pays for the medical care of persons who meet specific categorical non-financial, income, and resource requirements. Individuals can be eligible for full, limited, or emergency Medicaid coverage depending on the category under which they qualify.

1205.05.00 LEGAL BASIS

The Medicaid program is established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. Federal regulations in Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide further legal authority.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the Department of Health and Human Services is the federal agency which has administrative responsibility for the Medicaid Program.

1215.10.00 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Medicaid became effective in Indiana on January 1, 1970. The Medicaid program covers a wide range of medical care and services for eligible individuals.

1215.15.00 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The determination of eligibility for Medical Assistance is based upon financial and non-financial requirements. The Medicaid program is comprised of numerous categories of assistance. Each category has additional specific criteria which must be met for eligibility to exist. These requirements are discussed in Chapter 1600.