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Presumptive Eligibility

Note: For updates to the information in this module, see [IHCP Bulletins](https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers) at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers).

Introduction

The Presumptive Eligibility (PE) process allows qualified providers (QPs) to make determinations for certain eligibility groups to receive temporary health coverage under the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) until official IHCP eligibility is determined. IHCP providers, including organizations and individual practitioners within designated specialties, can become certified as QPs.

A QP can make a PE determination by completing a short application online. The PE determination is a real-time, immediate process. Individuals who are found presumptively eligible have coverage starting that same day. **PE coverage is not retroactive.** Services delivered prior to the PE determination date are not covered (except in the case of children and pregnant PE members, who may be eligible for retroactive coverage under a different benefit if they submit a full application and are approved for coverage).

During this period of PE, the individual will be able to receive coverage for treatment from the QP as well as from other IHCP-enrolled providers. PE coverage is different from “pending” Medicaid; under PE, providers are eligible for reimbursement at the time services are rendered, versus waiting for Medicaid coverage (including retroactive coverage, if applicable).

The individual must complete an *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* during the PE period to gain continued coverage through the IHCP. If individuals do not complete this application, they will lose coverage after the PE period ends. An individual is allowed only one PE coverage period per rolling 12-month period or per pregnancy.

Presumptive Eligibility Process Overview

An individual seeking coverage works with a QP at the point of service to complete an electronic PE application. The individual relays the necessary information, and the QP enters the information online via the IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal (IHCP Portal), as described in the [Completing the Presumptive Eligibility Member Application](#) section of this module.

Questions include identifying information, family size and household income. The IHCP Portal provides a real-time response on whether the individual is eligible for PE coverage based on responses provided during the application process.

After presumptive eligibility is determined, the QP informs the individual of PE approval or denial. Approved individuals receive temporary coverage under one of the following benefit plans, depending on the information provided:

- Presumptive Eligibility – Package A Standard Plan
- Presumptive Eligibility – Adult (PE Adult)
- Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PEPW)
- Presumptive Eligibility Family Planning Services Only
- Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only (PE for Inmates)

These benefit plans provide coverage for designated services during the approved individual's PE period. Beginning and end dates for the PE period are as follows:

- The PE coverage period **begins** on the date the QP determines an individual is presumptively eligible for coverage through the IHCP.
- The PE coverage period **ends** when one of the following circumstances occurs:
 - The PE member does not submit an *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* within the allotted time frame. A completed *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* must be pending with the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) by the end of the month following the month in which PE coverage began.
 - The FSSA officially determines the PE member to be ineligible for coverage under an IHCP program. Eligibility for PE ends on the day after Gainwell Technologies receives denial of eligibility information from the FSSA.
 - The FSSA officially determines the PE member to be eligible for coverage under an IHCP program. PE coverage will end prior to the IHCP program start date with no gap in coverage.

For details about PE benefit plans and coverage period, see the [Presumptive Eligibility Coverage](#) section.

Presumptive Eligibility Team

Several entities work together to ensure that the PE process works properly. The responsibilities of each entity are described in the following sections.

Qualified Providers

QPs use an easy, user-friendly online tool to complete PE applications. PE member enrollment services are performed on a voluntary basis. Although QP functions are not reimbursable, QPs are reimbursed for covered healthcare services provided to individuals determined to be presumptively eligible.

QP responsibilities include the following:

- Verify whether individuals have current IHCP coverage by using one of the following member Eligibility Verification System (EVS) options:
 - [IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal](#), accessible from the homepage at in.gov/medicaid/providers
 - Interactive virtual assistant (GABBY) at 800-457-4584
 - 270/271 electronic transactions
- Enroll qualifying individuals in the PE process as follows:
 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for acute care hospitals and psychiatric hospitals
 - During regular business hours for all other QPs
- Make presumptive eligibility determinations consistent with Indiana state policies and procedures.
- Guide individuals on the requirements to complete and submit the *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* by the end of the month following the month that the PE determination was made (see the [Completing the Presumptive Eligibility Member Application](#) section).

For state and federal requirements for QPs, including which IHCP providers are eligible to become QPs, see the [Qualified Provider Requirements](#) section.

Note: Some provider specialties can be certified as PEPW QPs only, meaning that they are limited to making presumptive eligibility determinations only for pregnant individuals (PEPW coverage). PEPW enables qualifying individuals to receive prenatal care earlier in their pregnancies. Pregnant applicants found to be presumptively eligible for PEPW have coverage for their first prenatal visit to a QP. Enrolling as a QP is an important step providers can take to provide prenatal care and improve birth outcomes.

Indiana Navigators and Application Organizations

QPs may apply to be authorized representatives or Application Organizations (AOs), but they are not required to do so. QP staff members helping individuals complete the *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* must be certified as Indiana Navigators or designated as authorized representatives. Only in those roles may the QP staff assist the PE applicants with their *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*. All navigators must receive state training, undergo annual state certification and meet state-based performance standards monitored by the Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI).

Some QPs may choose to contract with eligibility assistance companies for completing and submitting the *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*. If the organization contracts with an eligibility assistance company, that company must have staff that are certified as Indiana Navigators or designated as authorized representatives working with PE participants to complete the *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*.

For more information about the Indiana Navigators and AOs, see the [Indiana Navigators](http://in.gov/idoi) webpage at in.gov/idoi.

Gainwell Technologies

As the contracted fiscal agent for the IHCP, Gainwell is responsible for the following:

- Maintain and provide training for the IHCP Portal.
- Enroll new QPs and maintain a list of QPs certified for PE or PEPW.
- Post enrolled QPs in the [IHCP Provider Locator](#) feature, accessible from the homepage in.gov/medicaid/providers.
- Provide PE training materials to QPs.
- Answer any questions QPs may have regarding the PE process.
- Assign PE identification numbers (PE IDs).
- Maintain coverage information about all eligible and presumptively eligible members through the IHCP Portal, phone-based virtual assistant (GABBY) and 270/271 electronic transactions.
- Handle prior authorization requests (when required) for nonpharmacy services provided to PE members.
- Process all claims for nonpharmacy services provided to PE members.
- Update the Core Medicaid Management Information System (*CoreMMIS*) with IHCP eligibility information received from the FSSA Division of Family Resources (DFR).

FSS pharmacy claims and related prior authorization requests are handled by the contracted pharmacy benefit manager, Optum Rx. For contact information, see the [IHCP Quick Reference Guide](#) at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

FSSA Division of Family Resources

Presumptive Eligibility coordinator responsibilities include the following:

- Monitor the two PE email inboxes (presumptiveeligibility@fssa.in.gov and IndianaInmateMedicaid@fssa.in.gov). These mailboxes can be used for correction requests for PE applications and general PE-related questions for the FSSA. The first is for general PE and the second is specific to PE for inmates.
- Forward any application updates or correction requests to Gainwell.
- Work with providers regarding the various PE performance measures and ensure providers are working to meet those standards.

DFR responsibilities include the following:

- Accept and process any *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* received from a QP or an individual.
- Convey official IHCP eligibility determinations to Gainwell and to the PE member.
- Assign the IHCP Member ID (also known as RID) when eligibility is officially approved.

Qualified Provider Requirements

Table 1 lists the IHCP providers that can apply to become certified as QPs for the PE process. As indicated in the table, certain provider specialties are limited in the types of PE determinations they can perform.

Table 1 – IHCP Providers Eligible to Become QPs for the PE Process

Eligible Provider	Provider Type, Specialty	PE Determinations (Aid Category/Coverage)
Acute care hospital	Type 01, specialty 010	All
Freestanding psychiatric hospital	Type 01, specialty 011	All
Federally qualified health center (FQHC)	Type 08, specialty 080	All*
Rural health clinic (RHC)	Type 08, specialty 081	All*
Medical clinic	Type 08, specialty 082	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
Family planning clinic	Type 08, specialty 083	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
Clinical nurse specialist	Type 09, specialty 093	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
Certified nurse midwife	Type 09, specialty 095	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
Community mental health center (CMHC)	Type 11, specialty 111	All*
Certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC)	Type 11, specialty 623	All*
County health department	Type 13, specialty 130	All*
Family practitioner	Type 31, specialty 316	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
General practitioner	Type 31, specialty 318	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
Obstetrician/gynecologist	Type 31, specialty 328	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
General internist	Type 31, specialty 344	Pregnant Women/PEPW only
General pediatrician	Type 31, specialty 345	Pregnant Women/PEPW only

Note: FQHCs, RHCs, CMHCs, CCBHCs and county health departments have the **option to be certified as PEPW QPs **only**, if they so choose. Unless these providers are certified for the full PE process, they are limited to making PE determinations for individuals who are pregnant (PEPW benefit plan assignment) only.*

State Requirements

The IHCP requires that all QPs meet the following requirements:

- Complete and submit the eligibility attestations (for PE or PEPW certification) through the QP enrollment process on the IHCP Portal as follows:
 - For PE:
 - Affirm that the organization understands and will abide by any published guidance regarding the performance of PE activities.
 - Affirm that the organization will not knowingly or intentionally misrepresent client information to inappropriately gain presumptive eligibility.
 - Affirm the understanding that all PE enrollment activities undertaken by the organization must be performed by an employee or organization's designee.
 - For PEPW:
 - Affirm that the provider is able to provide outpatient hospital, rural health clinic or clinic services as defined in sections 1905(a)(2)(A) or (B), 1905(a)(9), and 1905(l)(1) of the *Social Securities Act*.
 - Affirm that the provider is able to verify pregnancy via a professionally administered pregnancy test.
 - Affirm that the provider has internet, printer, telephone and fax access.
- Participate in PE QP training, including training in the IHCP Portal PE process.
- Enroll qualifying individuals in the PE process as follows:
 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for acute care hospitals and psychiatric hospitals
 - During regular business hours for all other QPs
- Help individuals complete and submit a full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*.

Performance Standards

In addition, the IHCP requires all QPs to meet performance standards determined by the state of Indiana and documented in *Indiana Code IC 12-15-4-1.5 of Senate Enrolled Act 2*.

The first evaluation quarter will be Q1 for calendar year (CY) 2026, from Jan. 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026, and will continue on a quarterly basis. The office of the secretary shall use the following performance standards to establish and ensure accurate presumptive eligibility determinations by a QP on a quarterly basis:

- 95% of individuals determined presumptively eligible by the QP must submit a full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*
- 95% of the full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* completed by presumptively eligible individuals must be completed with sufficient information to determine eligibility
- 95% of those who submit the full application must be determined eligible for an IHCP program

Findings of violation of performance standards will be issued as follows:

- For the first violation of a presumptive eligibility standard under this section that a QP receives in a calendar year, the office of the secretary shall notify the QP in writing no later than five days after the determination of a violation is made.
- If the office of the secretary determines that a QP has failed to meet any of the presumptive eligibility standards under this section in any presumptive eligibility determination by the QP for a second time within a 12-month period of a first violation, the office of the secretary shall notify the QP in writing no later than five days after the determination that a second violation has occurred.
- Notice that a third violation by the QP of a presumptive eligibility standard within a 12-month period from the second violation will result in the QP no longer being qualified to make presumptive eligibility determinations.

If a QP appeals a finding of a violation of presumptive eligibility standards, the QP must provide clear and convincing evidence during the appeals process that the standard was met. If the office of the secretary determines that a QP has failed to meet any of the presumptive eligibility standards, the QP will no longer be qualified to make presumptive eligibility determinations.

Federal Requirements

In addition to state requirements, federal requirements exist for certain QPs.

For PE QPs that are acute care hospitals or psychiatric hospitals, federal regulations require that the hospital do the following:

- Participate as a provider under the Indiana Medicaid State Plan or under a demonstration project as described in *Section 1115* of the *Social Security Act*.
- Notify the IHCP of its intention to make PE determinations.
- Agree to make PE determinations consistent with Indiana state policies and procedures.

Federal Medicaid regulations require that a PEPW QP must be enrolled as an IHCP Medicaid provider.

Enrolling as a Qualified Provider

IHCP-enrolled providers meeting PE process requirements are encouraged to enroll as QPs as follows:

1. Log in to the [IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal](#), accessible from the homepage at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](#).

Providers must first register for the IHCP Portal, as described in the [Provider Healthcare Portal](#) module.

2. From the *My Home* page, click the **Provider Maintenance** link.

Figure 1 – Provider Maintenance Link on the IHCP Portal's *My Home* Page



- On the left side of the *Provider Maintenance Instructions* page, click the **Presumptive Eligibility Changes** link.

Note: This option appears only for provider specialties that are eligible to become QPs. See [Table 1](#) for details.

Figure 2 – Presumptive Eligibility Changes Link on the *Provider Maintenance: Instructions* Page



- Answer the questions and complete all the fields indicated in the *Presumptive Eligibility* or *Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women* section of the *Provider Maintenance: Presumptive Eligibility* page.

Note: The options shown vary by provider specialty. Certain provider specialties can become certified as QPs for PEPW only, limiting their PE determinations to pregnant individuals (PEPW benefit plan assignment) only. These providers will see only the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women section.

Some provider specialties will see both sections, as shown in Figure 3. These providers can choose whether to become QPs for all PE aid categories, or to become certified for PEPW only. See [Table 1](#) for details.

Figure 3 – Provider Maintenance: Presumptive Eligibility Page

Provider Maintenance: Presumptive Eligibility ?

You are initiating a change request. Complete the desired changes for fields in each section and click the "Submit" button to submit this change request.

* Indicates a required field.

Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women

Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PEPW) is a limited period of time during which a pregnant woman, who has been determined to be presumptively eligible by a 'Qualified Provider' (QP), will be covered for ambulatory prenatal services.

Note: Inpatient care, delivery services and services unrelated to the pregnancy or birth outcome are not covered under PEPW.

The PEPW patient enrollment process will generate documents in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). To view or print these documents, you must have the free Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. You can get the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader from the [Web Tool Kit](#).

You have been identified as a potential Pre-Qualified Provider. Please answer the following questions if you would like to begin the qualification process.

*Are you able to provide outpatient hospital, rural health clinic, or clinic services as defined in sections 1905(a)(2)(A) or (B), 1905(a)(9), and 1905(1)(1) of the ACT? Yes No

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*Are you able to verify pregnancy via a professionally administered pregnancy test? Yes No

*Do you have internet, printer, telephone and fax access? Yes No

*Contact Name *Contact Email

I would like to terminate my PEPW Qualified Provider status:

Presumptive Eligibility

Presumptive Eligibility (PE) is a limited period of time during which an applicant, who has been determined to be presumptively eligible by a 'Qualified Provider' (QP), will be covered for services applicable to their approved eligibility program.

A QP must have a Provider Agreement with the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP).

The PE patient enrollment process will generate documents in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). To view or print these documents, you must have the free Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. You can get the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader from the [Web Tool Kit](#).

Training must be completed prior to your enrollment being activated. Click here to view PE training materials [Indianamedicaid.com](#).

You have been identified as a potential Pre-Qualified Provider. Please answer the following questions if you would like to begin the qualification process.

*I affirm that this organization understands and will abide by any published guidance regarding the performance of Presumptive Eligibility activities. Yes No

*I affirm that this organization will not knowingly or intentionally misrepresent client information in order to inappropriately gain presumptive eligibility. Yes No

*I affirm my/our understanding that all PE enrollment activities undertaken by this organization must be performed by an organization's employee or organization's designee. Yes No

*Contact Name *Contact Email

I would like to terminate my PE Qualified Provider status:

*Note: Individuals responding to the questions must provide their name and email address for the **Contact Name** and **Contact Email** fields.*

5. Click **Submit**.
6. On the *Provider Maintenance: Tracking Information* page, click **Print Preview** to print a copy of the confirmation and then click **Exit**.

Figure 4 – Provider Maintenance: Tracking Information Page

If the provider answered “yes” to the questions and entered a contact name and email address, a Provider Relations consultant contacts the prequalified QP within 10 days to schedule an IHCP Portal training session. The Provider Relations consultant also provides the QP with a link to the PE process training presentation.

After the training session is completed, the Provider Enrollment Unit will activate the certified QP in CoreMMIS. The QP may then make PE determinations and submit applications under the PE process.

Note: If providers have not heard from an IHCP Provider Relations consultant within 10 days of submitting the application, they should contact the [Provider Relations consultant](#) assigned to their region.

Terminating QP Status

Existing QPs can terminate their QP status through the IHCP Portal by selecting the appropriate check box to terminate their status on the *Provider Maintenance: Presumptive Eligibility* page (see [Figure 3](#)).

Presumptive Eligibility Applicant Requirements

Individuals in the following aid categories are eligible for PE coverage:

- Infants (up to age 1)
- Children (ages 1 through 18)
- Adults (ages 19 through 64)
- Parents/Caretakers
- Former Foster Care Children (ages 18 through 25)
- Pregnant Women
- Family Planning (individuals eligible for the Family Planning Eligibility Program only)

*Note: For information on PE requirements for **incarcerated individuals** who would otherwise qualify under the Children, Adults or Former Foster Care Children aid categories, see the [Special Rules Regarding Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates](#) section.*

All PE applicants must meet some general requirements as well as requirements specific to their aid category.

Qualified providers may **not** ask for verification documents when performing PE tasks. Proof of income, pregnancy, residency, citizenship and any other documents for eligibility verification are not required at the time of application for PE.

Note: Although verification is not allowed, providers must not enter information they know to be false into the IHCP Portal.

If the FSSA discovers that an individual received PE using incorrect information, the PE coverage will be voided.

General Requirements for All PE Applicants

PE is based on the following criteria that the applicant must meet:

- Be a U.S. citizen, qualified noncitizen or a qualifying immigrant with one of the following immigration statuses:
 - Lawful permanent resident immigrant living lawfully in the United States for five years or longer
 - Refugee
 - Individual granted asylum by immigration office
 - Deportation withheld by order from an immigration judge
 - Amerasian from Vietnam
 - Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces with honorable discharge
 - Other qualified alien
- Be an Indiana resident
 - An Indiana address must be provided on the application.
- Not be a current IHCP member, including a member of HIP*
 - Medical Review Team (MRT) and Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) coverage are the only exceptions to this requirement; individuals with coverage under any other benefit plan are not eligible for PE.
 - Individuals who have recently applied for the IHCP but have not yet received a coverage determination may apply for PE to cover services while an IHCP decision is pending.
- Not currently be enrolled in Medicare
- Not be enrolled in the PE process, currently or within time-frame restrictions*
 - Individuals are allowed only one PE coverage period per rolling 12 months or per pregnancy.
- Not be currently incarcerated*
- Not be an adult (age 21 through 64) admitted to or residing in an institute for mental disease (IMD)
- Meet the income level requirements specific to certain aid categories, as outlined in Table 2
- Meet any additional requirements specific to certain aid categories, as described in the [Specific Requirements for PE Aid Categories](#) section

**Note: For incarcerated individuals applying for inpatient coverage through PE for Inmates, exceptions exist to the criteria marked with an asterisk (*). See the [Special Rules Regarding Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates](#) section (applicable for hospital PE QPs [specialties 010 and 011] only).*

Table 2 – Aid Category and Income Limit

Aid Category Description	Income Limit*
PE Infants (under 1 year old)	213% federal poverty level (FPL)
PE Children (ages 1 through 18)	163% FPL
PE Adults (ages 19 through 64)	138% FPL
PE Parents/Caretakers	Converted modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) equivalent limit
PE Former Foster Care Children	No income requirement
PE Pregnant Women	213% FPL
PE Family Planning	146% FPL

**Note: The percentages in Table 2 include an addition of 5 percentage points to roughly estimate the 5% income that will be disregarded from the individual's income. This disregard is based on the applicable income standard if the individual would have otherwise been ineligible when a full application is submitted to the DFR.*

To determine whether the applicant meets the income limit, the QP enters the applicant's family size and family income into the PE application:

- **Family size** is based on the tax household. Family size includes any of the following individuals living in the household:
 - Applicant
 - Applicant's children under age 19 (including unborn children if the applicant is pregnant, and including any children that are claimed on applicant's taxes for the year in which they are seeking eligibility [or, if the applicant does not file taxes, any children that would *qualify* to be claimed])
 - Applicant's spouse (if taxes are filed jointly with spouse)
 - Applicant's spouse's children under age 19 (if taxes are filed jointly with spouse)
 - Applicant's parents (biological, adopted and step), if applicant is under age 19 and unmarried
 - Applicant's unmarried siblings (biological, adopted and step) under age 19, if applicant is under age 19 and unmarried
- **Family income** is based on pretax income (not take-home pay). Family income includes the combined pretax income of the following individuals:
 - Applicant
 - Applicant's spouse (if applicant is married and taxes are filed jointly)
 - Applicant's parents (if living with the applicant and the applicant is under age 19 and unmarried)

Family income includes earned income (such as wages and tips) and unearned income (such as Social Security Disability Insurance payments). It does *not* include the following:

- Child support
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's benefits
- Cash contributions
- American Indian or Alaska Native Trust income

See the [Family Size and Income Examples](#) section for examples of how to determine family size and income in various situations.

Based on the information entered, the IHCP Portal systematically determines whether the applicant meets the income criteria for the appropriate PE aid category, as shown in Table 2. Although PE is systematically determined, QPs can refer to the [Eligibility Guide](#) on the IHCP member website at in.gov/medicaid/members to find actual income guidelines for the eligibility groups. The family income limits are also available in the [IHCP Presumptive Eligibility Standards](#) document at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Specific Requirements for PE Aid Categories

For the following aid categories, an individual must meet all listed criteria, in addition to the general criteria in the previous section.

PE Infants

For the PE Infants aid category, the following requirements apply:

- Must be under 1 year of age
- Family income must be less than 213% of the FPL

PE Children

For the PE Children aid category, the following requirements apply:

- Must be between the ages of 1 and 18 years old (up to 19th birthday)
- Family income must be less than 163% of the FPL

PE Adults

For the PE Adults aid category, the following requirements apply:

- Must be age 19 through 64 (up to 65th birthday)
- Cannot have a HIP conditional status
- Family income must be less than 138% of the FPL
- Must not be pregnant (For *pregnant* applicants who meet the preceding criteria, refer to the PE Pregnant Women aid category.)

PE Parents/Caretakers

For the PE Parents/Caretakers aid category, the following requirements apply:

- Must live with a person under the age of 18 and must be the individual taking care of the minor
- Must have income less than converted MAGI equivalent limits
- Must be age 65 or older (For applicants *under age 65* who meet the preceding criteria, refer to the PE Adults aid category.)

PE Former Foster Care Children

For the PE Former Foster Care Children aid category, the following requirements apply:

- Must be age 18 through 25 (up to 26th birthday)
- Must have been in foster care in any state at age 18
- Must have been enrolled in Medicaid at age 18 or at some point while in foster care
- Must not meet eligibility requirements for any other PE aid category

This coverage does not have an income limit or require annual redeterminations of eligibility.

PE Pregnant Women

For the PE Pregnant Women aid category, the following requirements apply:

- Must be pregnant, but the pregnancy does not need to be medically verified
- Must have income less than 213% of the FPL

Note: When calculating percentage of FPL, the pregnant applicant's unborn child or children should be counted toward family size.

Applicants who meet the preceding criteria and **also** meet the criteria for **PE Children** or **PE Former Foster Children** will be assigned to the PE Children or PE Former Foster Children aid category (unless the *PE Application for Pregnant Women* is used, as it is limited to determinations for the PE Pregnant Women aid category only).

*Note: If a QP that is certified **only** for PEPW is aware that a pregnant applicant may also meet criteria for PE Children or PE Former Foster Care Children, the individual should be advised that applying through a QP that is not limited to PEPW may result in more comprehensive coverage during the PE period. Similarly, QPs that have access to both the PE Application and the PE Application for Pregnant Women should use the PE Application for **all** applicants, including those who are pregnant, to ensure that the applicant receives the full benefits for which they qualify. As a reminder, applicants who qualify under the Former Foster Care Children aid category are not subject to income limits to qualify for presumptive eligibility.*

PE Family Planning

For the PE Family Planning aid category, the following requirements apply:

- Must not be eligible for any other PE aid category
- Must have income less than 146% the FPL

Family Size and Income Examples

The following examples are included to assist providers in determining family size and family income for applicants.

Family Size Examples

The following examples show how family size is determined:

- A. A married 39-year-old applicant lives with a spouse and five tax-dependent children ages 20, 19, 16, 15 and 10. The couple files taxes jointly.

*Family size: **Seven*** – The applicant, the spouse and the five dependent children.

- B. An unmarried 25-year-old applicant lives with his 2-year-old child and his partner. The applicant does not file taxes with his partner.

*Family size: **Two*** – The applicant and his 2-year-old child. Do not count the applicant's partner.

- C. An unmarried, pregnant 19-year-old applicant lives with her grandparents and her 2-year-old adopted child. The applicant is not tax-dependent on her grandparents.

*Family size: **Three*** – The applicant, her unborn child and her adopted child. Do not count the grandparents.

- D. An unmarried, pregnant 16-year-old applicant lives with one parent and four siblings aged 13, 10, 8 and 5. The applicant is tax-dependent on the parent.

Family size: Seven – The pregnant applicant, the applicant’s unborn child, the applicant’s parent and the four siblings

- E. An unmarried 19-year-old woman who is pregnant with twins lives with her father, her stepmother, her father’s children ages 16 and 14, her stepmother’s child age 13, and her father’s adoptive child age 9. The pregnant woman is not tax-dependent on her parents.

Family size: Three – The pregnant woman and her unborn twins. Because the applicant is not under 19 and is not tax-dependent, do not count her parents or her parents’ children.

- F. A married 17-year-old applicant who is pregnant with twins lives with her spouse and her parents. The applicant does not file taxes jointly with her spouse.

Family size: Three – The applicant and her unborn twins. Do not count the *applicant’s* parents because the applicant is married. Do not count the applicant’s spouse because they do not file taxes jointly.

Family Size and Income Examples

The following examples show how to determine the family income (all earnings amounts are before taxes):

- A. An unmarried 17-year-old pregnant applicant is paid \$475 per month from her job and receives an additional \$150 per month cash assistance from her parents. She lives with her grandmother, who receives \$775 per month in Social Security benefits. The applicant is tax-dependent on her grandmother.

Family size: Two – The applicant and her unborn child

Family income: \$475 a month

Note: The applicant’s earned income is counted, but the \$150 the applicant receives from her parents is not counted because cash contributions are excluded from the income calculation. The grandmother’s income is not counted because only income of an applicant, an applicant’s spouse or an applicant’s parents would be considered. The applicant’s parents’ income is not included because the applicant doesn’t live with her parents.

- B. A married 25-year-old applicant is paid \$615 per month from her job; her spouse (with whom she files joint taxes) earns \$840 per month. The woman also receives \$150 per month child support from her ex-spouse for their 3-year-old son. The woman, her son and her spouse live with her father-in-law, who receives \$600 per month in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits.

Family size: Three – The applicant, her spouse and her child

Family income: \$1,455 a month (\$615 + \$840)

Note: Only the earned income of the applicant and the applicant’s spouse is counted. Child support is excluded from the calculation. The father-in-law’s income is not counted because only income of an applicant, an applicant’s spouse or an applicant’s parents is considered (and because VA benefits are excluded).

- C. A 22-year-old unmarried pregnant applicant lives with her boyfriend (who is the father of her unborn child) and his child from a previous relationship. The boyfriend makes \$1,895 per month from his job and receives \$300 per month from his ex for the support of their child. The pregnant woman makes \$600 per month from her part-time job. The couple files taxes separately, and the woman does not claim her boyfriend’s child on her taxes.

Family size: Two – The applicant and her unborn child

Family income: \$600 a month

Note: Only the applicant's income is counted. The boyfriend's income is not counted because they are not married and do not file taxes jointly. Child support is excluded from the calculation.

- D. A 17-year-old married, pregnant applicant and spouse (who file joint taxes) live with the applicant's mother and younger sibling. The applicant's spouse earns \$1,000 per month. The applicant's mother earns \$1,100 per month from her job and receives \$150 per month in child support. The applicant doesn't earn any income.

*Family size: **Three** – The applicant, the applicant's spouse and the applicant's unborn child*

*Family income: **\$1,000** a month*

Note: Because the applicant and spouse file joint taxes, the applicant's mother's income is not counted. Child support is excluded from the calculation.

- E. An unmarried applicant lives alone with a 16-year-old son. The only income is the son's child support of \$1,000 per month and the \$150 per month the son makes from a part-time job.

*Family size: **Two** – The applicant and the applicant's son*

*Family income: **\$0***

Note: Income from child support does not count. Income from household members under age 19, other than the applicant or spouse, is not included in the calculation.

Completing the Presumptive Eligibility Member Application

The QP uses the IHCP Portal to verify that an individual does not currently have Medicaid or Medicare coverage, and then to submit a PE application for the individual.

In situations where the applicants themselves are unable to answer PE application questions, such as in situations of unconsciousness or incapacitation, an advocate can be used to file the PE application. An advocate can be the applicant's adult child, spouse, parent/caretaker, case worker and so forth. For any questions regarding whether or not an individual qualifies as an advocate, send an email to presumptiveeligibility@fssa.in.gov.

Because an individual is allowed only one PE coverage period per rolling 12-month period or per pregnancy, it is imperative that the QP inform all PE members of the need to complete the full application before the temporary eligibility period ends and provide them with information about how to do so. The QP is responsible for having a process in place to assist the PE member in completing and submitting a full IHCP application for continued coverage.

Note: Applicant responses are self-attested; therefore, QPs are not permitted to ask for supporting documentation to verify the applicant's eligibility. Individuals can apply for PE for all members of their family, regardless of need for services at the time of application. The QP must complete a separate application for each individual for whom PE coverage is being sought.

The following is a step-by-step process for the PE applicant enrollment process.

1. Log in to the [IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal](#), accessible from the homepage at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](#).
2. Select the **Eligibility** tab from the menu bar.
3. In the *Eligibility Verification Request* panel, enter the applicant’s Social Security number (SSN) and birth date or the applicant’s last name, first name and birth date. (If the applicant has a Member ID related to previous coverage, it may be used in place of the preceding fields.)

The Effective From field defaults to the current date.

Figure 5 – Eligibility Verification Request Panel

The screenshot shows the 'Eligibility Verification Request' panel. At the top, there is a header with a question mark icon. Below the header, a red asterisk indicates a required field. A sub-header reads: 'Enter the member information. If Member ID is not known, enter SSN and Birth Date, or Last Name, First Name, and Birth Date.' The form contains several input fields: 'Member ID' (empty), 'Last Name' (empty), 'First Name' (empty), 'SSN' (empty), 'Birth Date' (empty), '*Effective From' (09/28/2016), and 'Effective To' (empty). At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Reset'.

4. Click **Submit**.
5. After the system confirms that no coverage exists for the individual, click the appropriate button:
 - **PE Application**
 - **PE Application for Pregnant Women**

If **both** buttons are displayed, the provider should always select the **PE Application** button, even if the applicant is pregnant. The *PE Application for Pregnant Women* is limited to PEPW determinations, even if the pregnant applicant also qualifies under another aid category with more generous PE benefits.

Figure 6 – PE Application Button

This screenshot shows the same 'Eligibility Verification Request' panel as Figure 5, but with the input fields populated. 'Member ID' is 100100100100, 'Last Name' is empty, 'First Name' is empty, 'SSN' is empty, 'Birth Date' is empty, '*Effective From' is 11/02/2017, and 'Effective To' is 11/02/2017. Below the form are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons. At the bottom of the page, two buttons are visible: 'PE Application for Pregnant Women' and 'PE Application'. Both buttons are highlighted with a red rectangular box.

Note: The system displays these buttons only for individuals with no current coverage or with only Medical Review Team (MRT) or Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) coverage. (MRT and PASRR are the only benefit plans that do not preclude PE enrollment.)

*In addition, the system displays these buttons only for QPs certified to submit PE or PEPW applications (see the [Enrolling as a Qualified Provider](#) section). QPs that are certified for PEPW **only** will see only the “PE Application for Pregnant Women” button. QPs certified for PE will see the “PE Application” button, which can and should be used to submit **all** PE applications – including for pregnant applicants. If the QP is a hospital (specialty 010 or 011), the “PE Application” button can also be used to submit applications for inmates without current coverage; there is no separate QP certification for PE for Inmates, but the process is limited to PE QPs in those two specialties.*

*For individuals who **do** have current coverage, hospital QPs (specialty 010 or 011) will see the “PE Application for Inmate” button. This application can be used **only** for individuals who meet the requirements described in the [Special Rules Regarding Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates](#) section.*

PE Application for Inmate

- Complete the PE member application by entering information provided by the individual applying for PE. See [Table 3](#) for a list of information needed and corresponding instructions. (Some fields do not appear on all applications, or may appear in a slightly different order depending on the type of application.)

*Note: Information on PE applications is **self-attested** by the individual. QPs may **not** ask for verification documents when completing a PE application. Proof of income, pregnancy, residency, citizenship and any other documents are **not required**. (Note, however, that if the IHCP Portal finds active Medicare Part A or B coverage for the individual, the application will deny.)*

The name and email address of the individual responding to the questions must be provided in the appropriate fields.

The applications also include an option for the applicant to receive text messages from the Indiana Department of Health about free resources in the applicant’s community.

Table 3 – Presumptive Eligibility Member Application Descriptions

Field (*Required)	Description
*First Name	Enter the applicant’s first name. Up to 13 characters, alphanumeric. Allows space, dash and period.
M.I.	Enter the applicant’s middle initial. Allows one character, alphanumeric.
*Last Name	Enter the applicant’s last name. Up to 15 digits, alphanumeric. Allows space, dash and period.
Suffix	Enter suffix if applicable.
*Date of Birth	Enter the applicant’s date of birth.
*Home Address	Enter the applicant’s home street address. Up to 30 characters, alphanumeric. Allows space, dash and period.
*(Home) City	Enter home-address city. Up to 15 characters, alphanumeric. Allows space, dash and period.

Field (*Required)	Description
*(Home) Postal Code	Enter home-address ZIP Code. Requires five digits.
*(Home) County	Select home-address county from the drop-down list.
Mailing Address	If the applicant’s mailing address is different from the street address, enter the mailing street address. Up to 30 digits, alphanumeric. Allows space, dash and period.
(Mailing) City	Enter mailing-address city. Up to 15 digits, alphanumeric. Allows space, dash and period.
(Mailing) State	Select mailing-address state from the drop-down list.
(Mailing) Postal Code	Enter mailing-address ZIP Code. Requires five digits
Member Email	Enter the applicant’s email address.
Home Phone	Enter the applicant’s home telephone number. 10 digits, numeric.
Work Phone	Enter the applicant’s work telephone number. 10 digits, numeric.
Cell Phone	Enter the applicant’s cell phone number. 10 digits, numeric.
Other Phone	Enter any other telephone number for the applicant. 10 digits, numeric.
SSN	Enter the applicant’s nine-digit Social Security number (SSN).
Race	Select the applicant’s race from the drop-down list options: African American, Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, Other.
Ethnicity	Select the applicant’s ethnicity from the drop-down list options: Hispanic, Non-Hispanic, Other.
*Gender	Select the applicant’s gender from the drop-down list options: Male, Female, Unknown.
Marital Status	Select the applicant’s marital status from drop-down list options: Married, Single.
*Indiana Resident?	Select Yes or No to indicate whether the applicant lives in Indiana.
*Incarcerated?	Select Yes or No to indicate whether the applicant is incarcerated. Incarceration includes a county jail or any type of prison or correctional facility. It excludes home detention and persons on parole.
DOC facility	If Yes is selected, select the Department of Corrections (DOC) facility in which the applicant is incarcerated (<i>PE for Inmates applications only</i>).
*Pregnant?	Select Yes or No to indicate whether the applicant is pregnant.
*Number of People in Family	Enter the applicant’s family size. Up to two digits, numeric. Family size is based on the tax household . If the applicant does not file taxes, the household includes any of the following living in the household: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Applicant’s children under age 19 (including unborn child/children if applicant is pregnant) • Applicant’s spouse (if taxes are filed jointly with spouse) • Applicant’s spouse’s children under age 19 (if taxes are filed jointly with spouse) • Applicant’s parents (biological, adopted and step), if applicant is under age 19 and unmarried • Applicant’s unmarried siblings (biological, adopted and step) under age 19, if applicant is under age 19 and unmarried

Field (*Required)	Description
<p>*U.S. Citizen?</p> <p>Alien Status</p>	<p>Select Yes or No to indicate whether the applicant is a U.S. citizen.</p> <p>If No is selected, choose one of the following options from the Alien Status drop-down list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawful permanent resident immigrant living lawfully in U.S. for five years or longer • Lawful permanent resident immigrant living lawfully in U.S. for less than five years • Refugee • Individuals granted asylum by immigration office • Deportation withheld by order from an immigration judge • Amerasian from Vietnam • Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces with honorable discharge • No immigration papers (includes persons in the country illegally, persons with visas of any kind and so forth)
<p>*Family Income</p>	<p>Enter the amount of family income, up to six digits, as stated by the applicant.</p> <p>Select Monthly or Annually from the drop-down list to indicate if the amount entered is a monthly or annual income amount.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>Note: To convert weekly income to monthly income, multiply the weekly amount by 4.3. For example, \$350 per week converts to ($\\$350 \times 4.3$) \$1,505 per month. To convert biweekly income, multiply the weekly amount by 2.15.</i></p> </div> <p>In the amount entered in the box, include all income before taxes are deducted (gross income) from the applicant and the applicant's spouse. If the applicant is under age 19, unmarried, and living with one or more parents, include the income of the applicant and that of the applicant's parents. Other than the applicant or spouse, do not count income of children under age 19, unless the children are expected to be required to file a federal tax return.</p> <p>Include all the following types of income in the amount entered in the box:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages/salaries • Tips • Self-employment • Dividends • Interest • Social Security (excluding SSI benefits) • Unemployment compensation • Sick benefits, retirement benefits or pensions • Rental income
<p>Pending <i>Indiana Application for Health Coverage</i>?</p>	<p>Select Yes or No to indicate whether the applicant has an <i>Indiana Application for Health Coverage</i> pending.</p>

Field (*Required)	Description
Health Insurance Coverage (if applicable)?	Select Yes or No to indicate whether the applicant currently has health insurance coverage (excluding Medicare).
*Medicare?	<p>Select Yes or No to indicate whether the applicant currently has Medicare coverage.</p> <p>If Yes is selected, the application will deny with the reason: <i>Medicare recipients do not qualify for Presumptive Eligibility.</i></p> <p>If No is selected, the IHCP Portal will check to see if <i>CoreMMIS</i> has active Medicare Part A or B for the member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If active Medicare Part A or B is not found, the application will continue through the process to determine whether the member is eligible for PE coverage. • If active Medicare Part A or B is found, the application will deny with the new reason <i>Member Selected No Medicare, Active Medicare Found.</i> The denial letter will provide the active Medicare ID found in <i>CoreMMIS</i>.
*In Foster Care on 18th birthday?	Select Yes if the applicant was in foster care, under the responsibility of any state , on the applicant’s 18th birthday and was enrolled in Medicaid at that time or at some point while in foster care. Otherwise, select No .
*Do you live with at least one child under 18 years of age and are you the main caretaker?	Select Yes if the applicant lives with at least one child under 18 years old and is the main caretaker of that child. Otherwise, select No .

Figure 7 – PE Member Application

PE Member Application ?

* Indicates a required field.

Note: This Web Application will generate documents in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). To view or print these documents, you must have the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) installed.

Identifying Information

*First Name M.I. *Last Name
 *Date of Birth *Confirm Date of Birth Suffix

Address Information

Home Address
 *Address
 *City State Indiana *Postal Code *County

Mailing Address (if different than home address)
 Address
 City State Postal Code

Member Email

Phone Numbers

Home Phone Cell Phone

Other Information

SSN
 Race
 Ethnicity
 *Gender
 Marital Status
 *Indiana Resident? ?
 *Incarcerated? Yes *DOC Facility ?
 *Pregnant?
 *Number of people in family ?
 *U.S. Citizen? ?
 *Family Income ?
 Pending Indiana application for health coverage? ?
 Health Insurance Coverage (if applicable)? ?
 *Medicare? ?
 *In Foster Care on 18th birthday? ?
 *Do you live with at least one child under 18 years of age and are you the main caretaker? ?

Disclaimer

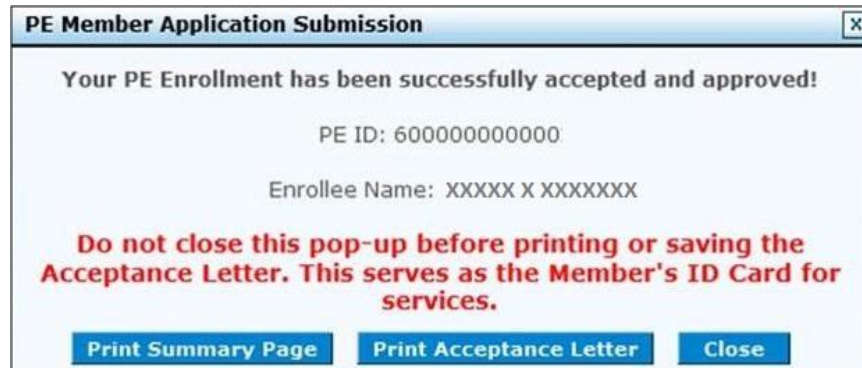
I attest that I have been trained to process applications for Presumptive Eligibility (PE).

Submit Application

7. Select the box in the Disclaimer section at the bottom of the application to attest that you have been trained to process applications for PE.
8. Review the information entered with the applicant to confirm that it is accurate.
9. Click **Submit Application**.

10. The *PE Member Application Submission* window appears, indicating whether the PE enrollment was successfully accepted and approved and, if so, showing the assigned PE ID.

Figure 8 – PE Member Application Submission Window



Note: The PE ID begins with the digit 6, except in cases where the applicant is found to have had previous IHCP coverage, in which case, the PE ID will be the same as the individual's originally assigned IHCP Member ID.

11. Click **Print Acceptance Letter** to print the PE determination notice for approved applicants.
QPs must ensure that the presumptive eligibility determination notice (acceptance letter or denial letter) prints successfully before clicking **Close**.

12. Click **Print Summary Page** to print a copy of the application for your records.

Note: The PEPW application does not currently include an option to print a summary page.

13. Click **Close**.
14. Give a copy of the determination notice to the applicant. The acceptance letter serves as the PE member identification during the PE coverage period.
15. Review coverage information with the PE member and provide guidance to help ensure that the PE member submits the full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* by the end of the month following the month in which the PE determination was made. As explained in the PE acceptance letter, the individual may complete the *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* in one of the following ways:
 - In person, at the location where the individual was determined presumptively eligible
 - In person at a local [FSSA DFR office](#)
 - Online through the [FSSA Benefits Portal](#) at fssabenefits.in.gov
 - By phone with the DFR at 800-403-0864

Note: Paper applications can be requested online, over the phone or at a DFR office. Paper applications must be returned to the DFR in person, or by mail or fax (888-436-9199). The DFR makes all final eligibility determinations.

Presumptive Eligibility Coverage

Individuals approved for PE receive temporary coverage under one of several benefit plans, which reimburse providers for designated services during the approved individual's PE period.

Individuals cannot reapply for presumptive eligibility within 12 months of their initial application (unless they become pregnant), and cannot apply twice during the same pregnancy. Therefore, it is imperative that QPs inform individuals that they must submit a full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* before the temporary eligibility period ends – and provides information on how the individual can do so.

Note: Exceptions to some of the information presented in this section apply in the case of the PE for Inmates process. See the [Special Rules Regarding Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates](#) section for information specific to that process.

PE Coverage Period

The PE period begins the day a QP determines an individual to be presumptively eligible.

Backdating Rules

There are three situations in which PE coverage start dates can be adjusted:

- When a system outage of the IHCP Portal makes the web-based application unavailable on the date of service
 - In this instance, the PE application must be submitted within one day of the date of service. After the PE application is submitted and PE is established, the QP can submit a request to have the established PE effective date changed to the date of service.
- When a QP located in the Central time zone submits a PE application between 11 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. Central Time and is given a PE start date based on Eastern Time, which pushes the eligibility date to one day after the date of service
 - In this instance, the QP can submit a request to have the PE effective date changed to the date of service, which is the date the PE application was submitted from the perspective of the provider.
- When an applicant arrives at the provider at 11 p.m. or later, and an application cannot be filed until after midnight
 - When this occurs, the PE application must be filed by close of business (5:30 p.m.) the following day to update the PE effective date of service. After the PE application is submitted, the QP can submit a request to have the established PE effective date changed to the date of service, which is the date the PE applicant arrived within an hour before midnight.

No additional exceptions will be made to backdate PE coverage, including for patients receiving behavioral health services and patients that are medically unable to be screened by a QP on the date of service.

To submit a backdate request, send an email to presumptiveeligibility@fssa.in.gov with the individual's PE ID, the date to backdate the coverage to and the reason for the request. This request must be sent to the mailbox within 24 hours of the first date of service. Requests that do not meet the criteria described in this section will be declined.

Inpatient Coverage for Admissions Prior to PE Start Date

For presumptive eligibility benefit plans that include inpatient hospital coverage, whether or not any portion of the inpatient stay will be covered when the admission date is before the PE start date depends on how the service is reimbursed:

- If the hospital admission date is before the PE start date and the inpatient service is reimbursed using the diagnosis-related group (DRG) methodology, no portion of that inpatient stay will be considered a PE-covered service.
- If the hospital admission date is before the PE start date and the inpatient service is reimbursed on a level-of-care (LOC) per diem basis, dates of service on or after the member's PE start date will be covered. Dates of service before the member's PE start date are not covered.

PE End Date

The PE end date varies, depending upon whether the individual submits an IHCP application:

- If the individual submits an *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* by the last day of the month following the month in which PE was determined, the PE period will continue until full Medicaid eligibility is either approved or denied.
- If the individual does not submit an *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*, the PE period ends on the last day of the month following the month in which PE was determined.

Example: PE is determined on Feb. 5, PE coverage begins Feb. 5. If a full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* is **not** submitted by March 31, coverage will end on March 31. However, if a full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* is submitted by March 31, PE coverage will end either on the last day of the month in which the full IHCP application is approved, or (if the individual is determined *not* to be eligible) on the day the full IHCP application is denied.

Note: PE members who have been determined to be conditionally eligible for Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) coverage retain their PE coverage after their HIP determination to allow time for them to make their Personal Wellness and Responsibility (POWER) Account contribution. This extension of the PE period allows these individuals to avoid a gap in coverage, as long as they meet required application and payment deadlines.

PE Benefit Plan Assignment

Members determined to be presumptively eligible for coverage through the PE process are assigned to the appropriate benefit plan based on their aid category, as shown in [Table 4](#). (Criteria for each aid category appears in the [Specific Requirements for PE Aid Categories](#) section.)

Incarcerated individuals determined to be presumptively eligible through the PE for Inmates process are an exception; these members are assigned to the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only benefit plan, regardless of aid category, as described in the [Special Rules Regarding Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates](#) section.

Table 4 – PE Benefit Plan Assignment Based on Aid Category

Aid Category	Benefit Plan
PE Infants	Presumptive Eligibility – Package A Standard Plan
PE Children	
PE Parents/Caretakers	
PE Former Foster Care Children	
PE Adults	Presumptive Eligibility – Adult
PE Pregnant Women	Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women
PE Family Planning	Presumptive Eligibility Family Planning Services Only
<p><i>Note: The PE Application for Pregnant Women is limited to PEPW assignments under the PE Pregnant Women aid category only – even if the applicant also meets criteria for another aid category and would receive a different benefit plan assignment if the PE Application were used.</i></p> <p><i>Incarcerated individuals who are determined presumptively eligible under the PE for Inmates process are assigned to the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only benefit plan regardless of PE aid category.</i></p>	

All PE benefit plans are reimbursed through the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. During the presumptive eligibility period, the PE member is able to receive services covered within the assigned benefit plan from any IHCP-enrolled provider.

Presumptive Eligibility – Package A Standard Plan

Presumptive Eligibility – Package A Standard Plan (for Infants, Children, Parents/Caretakers and Former Foster Care Children PE aid categories) offers full Medicaid benefits, including all covered services available under Package A – Standard Plan.

After submitting a full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*, children (through 18 years of age) who are approved for enrollment in Hoosier Healthwise may also be determined eligible for retroactive coverage for up to three months prior to their IHCP application date. This retroactive coverage, provided through the FFS delivery system, will override the existing PE coverage and will be identified as *Package A – Standard Plan* without an assigned MCE.

Presumptive Eligibility – Adult

The Presumptive Eligibility – Adult (PE Adult) benefit plan includes all covered services available under the *HIP Basic* benefit plan. See the [Healthy Indiana Plan](#) module for details about *HIP Basic* coverage. Note, however, that PE Adult benefits are delivered on a fee-for-service basis rather than through a managed care entity (MCE). Additionally, no copayment is required for PE Adult members.

PE Adult members who complete an *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* by the end of the month following the month PE was established, and are determined by the FSSA to be eligible for HIP, will retain their PE coverage for up to 60 days, provided application timelines are met. This time frame allows these individuals to make a POWER Account contribution and gain full HIP eligibility without a gap in coverage. If they are approved for HIP and their income is less than 100% of the FPL and they fail to make a POWER Account contribution, they will be enrolled in *HIP Basic* coverage. A PE Adult member with an income greater than 100% of the FPL who fails to make a POWER Account contribution within 60 days will lose coverage.

PE Adult members who meet Fast Track criteria can make a \$10 prepayment when they submit the *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*. If they are approved for HIP coverage and a Fast Track payment was made, *HIP Plus* coverage will start beginning the first of the month following the prepayment.

Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women

The Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women benefit plan (for the Pregnant Women aid category) is limited to ambulatory prenatal care services only, including the following:

- Doctor visits for prenatal care
- Prescriptions related to pregnancy
- Prenatal lab work
- Transportation for prenatal or emergency-related care

PEPW does **not** cover the following (although these services *may* be covered retroactively if the individual is later determined to be fully eligible for IHCP benefits):

- Hospice
- Long-term care
- Inpatient care
- Labor and delivery services
- Abortion services
- Sterilization and hysterectomy services
- Postpartum services
- Services unrelated to pregnancy or birth outcome

Note: Inpatient care is not covered for prenatal-related services.

When billing for services provided to PEPW members, it is important to use the appropriate pregnancy-related diagnosis and pregnancy indicator on the claim. For a list of covered diagnosis codes, see *Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Codes*, accessible from the [Code Sets](https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers) webpage at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers).

After the DFR makes a determination on the full application, the member will be assigned to the appropriate program based on income and other eligibility criteria:

- Pregnant applicants at or below 138% of the FPL and eligible for the HIP program will be enrolled in the ***HIP Maternity*** benefit plan with a HIP MCE.
- Pregnant applicants above 138% of the FPL and eligible for IHCP services will be enrolled in ***Package A – Standard Plan*** with a Hoosier Healthwise MCE.

After submitting a full *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*, pregnant applicants who are approved for enrollment in HIP or Hoosier Healthwise may also be determined eligible for retroactive coverage for up to three months prior to their IHCP application date. This retroactive coverage, provided through the FFS delivery system, will override the existing PE coverage and include benefits beyond the pregnancy-related services covered under the PEPW benefit plan. The IHCP Eligibility Verification System (EVS) will identify the member's coverage during this retroactive time period as *Package A – Standard Plan* without an assigned MCE.

Note: If a PEPW member's pregnancy ends at any time during the presumptive eligibility coverage period, the PEPW coverage continues until it would normally end.

Individuals are eligible for PEPW coverage once per pregnancy. If a PEPW member miscarries and becomes pregnant again during the nine months following the original pregnancy, the QP should email the presumptiveeligibility@fssa.in.gov inbox to request a new PEPW period and submit a new PE application for the new pregnancy.

Presumptive Eligibility Family Planning Services Only

The Presumptive Eligibility Family Planning Services Only benefit plan is limited to the services defined under the Family Planning Eligibility Program benefit plan, including the following:

- Family planning visits, including health education and counseling necessary to understand and make informed choices about contraceptive methods
- Limited health history and physical exams
- Laboratory tests (if medically indicated as part of the decision-making process regarding contraceptive methods)
- Cytology (Pap tests) and cervical cancer screening, including high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing, within the parameters described in the [Obstetrical and Gynecological Services](#) module
- Follow-up care for complications associated with contraceptive methods issued by the family planning provider
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and supplies, including emergency contraceptives
- Initial diagnosis of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), if medically indicated, including the provision of FDA-approved anti-infective agents
- Screening, testing, counseling and referral of members at risk for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) within the parameters described in the [Laboratory Services](#) module
- Tubal ligations
- Hysteroscopy sterilization with an implant device
- Vasectomies

For a list of covered codes, see *Family Planning Eligibility Program Codes*, accessible from the [Code Sets](#) webpage at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only (PE for Inmates)

See the [Special Rules Regarding Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates](#) section for information about this benefit plan.

Member Identification and Eligibility Verification

Individuals who are found eligible through the PE process use the acceptance letter provided by the enrolling QP to serve as proof of coverage during their presumptive eligibility period. These PE members do not receive IHCP member identification cards. The letter clearly indicates the dates the member's presumptive eligibility period begins and ends, and the member's PE ID.

The IHCP member EVS options – IHCP Portal, phone-based virtual assistant (GABBY) and 270/271 transactions – accept the PE ID in place of the IHCP Member ID. PE coverage is reflected in the IHCP EVS immediately upon initial determination; however, pharmacy systems may take up to 24 to 48 hours to display PE coverage. The original presumptive eligibility acceptance letter is sufficient to validate temporary coverage, even if the member is not yet listed in the appropriate system.

Individuals are allowed only one presumptive eligibility coverage period per rolling 12 months or pregnancy, whichever is applicable. Providers serving individuals who have previously been determined presumptively eligible must verify the individual's eligibility on each date of service, just as with all IHCP members.

If the FSSA approves an individual for IHCP eligibility, the coverage changes from the PE benefit plan assigned during the PE process to the appropriate IHCP benefit plan. The individual also receives a member identification card with a unique Member ID number.

Special Rules Regarding Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates

Certain incarcerated individuals can receive limited Medicaid coverage through the PE for Inmates process. This process allows hospitals that are PE QPs to enroll eligible individuals into the IHCP for temporary coverage of authorized inpatient hospitalization services. The following sections describe the specific rules and restrictions regarding the PE for Inmates process.

Note: Only acute care hospital and freestanding psychiatric hospital (provider type 01, specialty 010 or 011) QPs are eligible to enroll individuals through the PE for Inmates process. This process is not available to the other PE qualified provider types.

Individuals Eligible for PE for Inmates

The PE for Inmates process is available to individuals who meet the following requirements:

- Be an inmate from an Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facility or county jail operating under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or contract with the Indiana FSSA
- Not be on house arrest
- Not be pregnant or admitted for labor and delivery
- Be under the age of 65
- Be admitted for inpatient hospitalization
- Meet all standard PE requirements (see the [Presumptive Eligibility Applicant Requirements](#) section), **except** requirements pertaining to incarceration, current IHCP coverage, and current or past PE coverage

Note: Individuals from various aid categories (Adults, Children, Former Foster Care Children) may be found presumptively eligible under the PE for Inmates process. All previously indicated requirements specific to the aid category – including income requirements – continue to apply under PE for Inmates.

If the inmate is enrolled in Medicare, the Social Security Administration should be contacted to have that enrollment closed for the remainder of their incarceration. This process must be completed prior to applying for PE coverage. If the inmate's Medicare is not closed at the time the application is submitted, or if the application indicates that the applicant has current Medicare coverage, the application will deny.

Specific Application Instructions for PE for Inmates

When completing the PE application for incarcerated individuals, hospital PE QPs should:

- Use the correctional facility's address and telephone number as the applicant's home address and telephone number.
- Select **Yes** in the Incarcerated? field. The DOC Facility drop-down menu will appear, listing all eligible correctional facilities. To be on the list, the correctional facility must have a signed MOU or contract with the Indiana FSSA. Select the inmate's correctional facility from the drop-down menu.
- Complete the rest of the application according to normal procedures.

If incarcerated individuals meet all the eligibility requirements, they will be enrolled in the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only benefit plan.

Services Covered Under the PE for Inmates Plan – Inpatient Hospital Services Only

Individuals enrolled through the PE for Inmates process are assigned to the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only benefit plan, which provides coverage for inpatient services only.

If an inmate's admission results from an emergency department visit, the physician services performed in the emergency department prior to admission can be reimbursed. In all other cases, services can be reimbursed only if they are provided between inpatient admission and discharge. The following are examples of services that may be covered for inmates hospitalized for at least 24 hours:

- Medically necessary physician services provided during the inpatient stay
- Medically necessary hospital services provided during the inpatient stay
- Medically necessary medications provided during the inpatient stay
- Medically necessary durable medical equipment (DME) provided during the inpatient stay

Any service provided on an outpatient basis, before inpatient admission or after discharge, will not be reimbursed. The following are examples of services that are not covered:

- Transportation that occurs before admission or after discharge
- Services provided in the emergency department if the visit does not result in an inpatient admission
- Medications or DME that are provided before inpatient admission or after discharge

For special billing instructions related to the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only benefit plan, see the [Claim Submission and Processing](#) module.

Coverage Period for PE for Inmates

If an incarcerated individual is admitted to the hospital for inpatient treatment, the appropriate QP (hospital or contracted medical vendor) has **seven days**, starting from the first day of inpatient hospitalization, to complete the PE Application for Inmate. If the application is not completed on the first day of hospitalization, a request to backdate the effective start date of the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only coverage must be submitted within those same seven days. To submit the backdate request, send the following information to IndianaInmateMedicaid@fssa.in.gov within seven days of the first date of inpatient hospitalization:

- PE ID of the Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only member
- Current effective start date
- New requested effective backdate

As with all other types of PE, individuals enrolled through the PE for Inmates process must complete an *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* by the end of the month following the month the PE determination was made.

Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Only coverage is effective for up to one year or until the offender is released, whichever comes first. Individuals that remain incarcerated beyond 12 months may reapply for coverage through the PE for Inmates process.

Upon release, an individual is allowed to use the standard PE process, without regard to any PE for Inmates eligibility obtained within the past 12 months.

Presumptive Eligibility Claim Submission

Providers serving individuals who have been determined presumptively eligible must verify the individual's eligibility on each date of service. Additionally, QPs should verify whether the individual has other health insurance before submitting claims for PE services, because Medicaid is always the payer of last resort.

Claims for PE services are submitted with the member's PE ID, which starts with a "6" (except in cases where an IHCP Member ID already existed for that individual due to previous coverage). If a PE member is later officially approved for coverage under the IHCP, QPs should then submit claims using the newly assigned Member ID.

QPs should submit claims compliant with applicable program standards. Claims for services rendered during the presumptive eligibility period should be submitted to Gainwell, as described in the [Claim Submission and Processing](#) module.

QPs are reimbursed at regular IHCP FFS rates for services rendered during the PE period. Reimbursement for covered services rendered during the PE period is allowable even if the PE member ultimately fails to complete the *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* application, or if the FSSA determines the individual to be ineligible for the IHCP.