

## 2432.05.00 REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEES (MED 2)

A refugee's eligibility for MA is first considered for all categories of assistance other than Refugee Medical Assistance.<sup>54</sup> The eligibility system automatically determines a refugee's eligibility in this manner to comply with federal regulations. (Refer to Section 1620.05.00.)

Newly arrived refugees will not be placed into HIP 2.0 since this category does not provide immediate coverage at the level which they require. Because these individuals and families arrive in the country with the increased need for additional screenings and services, the conditional period would be a hardship for them and could delay the effective date of their coverage for up to 60 days.

Whenever possible refugees will be placed in another Medicaid category with no conditional period, so that Medicaid will be effective beginning three months retroactive to the month of application or as of the date they first arrived in the country, whichever is later.

Low-income parent/caretaker refugees who qualify financially will be covered under MAGF in the fee-for-service delivery model for up to twelve months after arriving in the country.

Members who do not qualify for any other Medicaid but pass eligibility for MA Q (Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) first 12 months in the U.S) will be covered in that category so that they may get coverage on the day that they apply.

Only members who do not initially qualify for any other Medicaid, but also fail financial eligibility for MA Q, (Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) first 12 months in the U.S) will be allowed to be authorized conditionally in a HIP 2.0 category. Because this will only be applicable for members who are over the low-income parent/caretaker income standard, they will receive Regular coverage unless Medical Frailty is confirmed. This will not afford them services, for the most part, on the day they applied; but will provide them some coverage to them as soon as the initial POWER Account payment is made.

In addition, the worker must refer refugees who are 65 years of age or older, or who are blind or disabled, to the SSA to apply for assistance under the SSI program. Cash Assistance is to be furnished to eligible refugees until eligibility under the SSI program is determined.

**Note: Eligibility is based on Income and resources on the date of application date, however applicants/members must comply with all eligibility requirements and provide requested verifications for self and/or family to be determined eligible for Medicaid and/or RMA.<sup>55</sup>**

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<sup>55</sup> 42 CFR 435.831 and 45 CFR 400.102