Hospital presumptive eligibility (PE) is a policy option that allows hospitals to provide temporary Medicaid coverage to individuals likely to qualify for Medicaid. Previously, presumptive eligibility was an option limited to children or pregnant women and available only in states that selected this option. Effective January 2014, the Affordable Care Act expanded the scope of the policy to allow hospitals to make presumptive eligibility determinations in every state for all individuals eligible for Medicaid on the basis of modified adjusted gross income.

The Public Health Law Program prepared Hospital Presumptive Eligibility, an issue brief describing the hospital PE program.

The following articles and resources were collected through June 2014 using online databases and resources. Because the hospital PE program did not become effective until January 2014, this anthology should not be considered to be exhaustive.

**General**

[Presumptive Eligibility: New Options in 2014](#)

**Federal Regulations and Guidance**

[Final Rule, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services](#)

[Medicaid and CHIP FAQs: Implementing Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Programs](#)
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (Jan. 2014).
Policy Briefs

Presumptive Eligibility: A Step Toward Streamlined Enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP
Christine Sebastian, FAMILIES USA (Sept. 2011).
Provides background on state presumptive eligibility options for pregnant women and children.

Presumptive Eligibility: Providing Access to Health Care Without Delay and Connecting Children to Coverage
Tricia Brooks, CTR. FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE (May 2011).
Addresses hospital PE within the context of state presumptive eligibility options for pregnant women and children.

Health Policy Brief: Hospital Presumptive Eligibility
Tricia Brooks, HEALTH AFF. (Jan. 9, 2014).
Provides a general summary of hospital PE programs.

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act’s Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Option: Considerations for States
Shannon M. McMahon et al., STATE HEALTH REFORM ASSISTANCE NETWORK (Nov. 2013).
In addition to discussing the hospital PE program, this article provides an appendix with information about current Medicaid presumptive eligibility practices in selected states.

The Financial Benefit to Hospitals from State Expansion of Medicaid
Stan Dorn et al., URBAN INSTITUTE (Mar. 2013).
Addresses the potential financial impact of hospital PE.

Toolkits

State Toolbox: Expanding Coverage
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (Mar. 2014).

The New Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Opportunity