

Hospital Presumptive Eligibility: Overview

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What Is Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (PE)?

- ❑ Allows hospitals to provide temporary Medicaid coverage to individuals likely to qualify for Medicaid**
- ❑ Previously, option limited to children or pregnant women and available only in states that selected this option**
- ❑ Now available as an option for qualified hospitals in every state for all individuals eligible for Medicaid on the basis of modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)**

Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility

- ❑ **State option for children and pregnant women**
 - Qualified entities asked for info about household size and income
 - Patients likely to qualify for Medicaid are “presumed eligible” and receive immediate temporary access to care
 - Payment for services guaranteed to providers
 - Opportunity to encourage and assist with full Medicaid application

Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility (Cont.)

- ❑ **Under Affordable Care Act, states that had previously adopted the PE option can expand program to other populations**
 - Parents and caretaker relatives
 - Childless adults covered by state's Medicaid program
 - Former foster children
 - Individuals seeking family-planning services

Affordable Care Act Hospital PE Program

- ❑ **Hospital PE determinations can be made in every state regardless of whether the state had previously adopted the PE option**
- ❑ **Hospitals can make PE determinations for any individuals likely eligible for Medicaid under state guidelines, including**
 - Children
 - Pregnant women
 - Parents and caretaker relatives
 - Former foster children

Affordable Care Act Hospital PE Program (Cont.)

- ❑ **Hospital PE available to new populations if covered by state**
 - Adults with income above 133% federal poverty levels and under age 65
 - Individuals eligible for family planning services
 - Individuals seeking treatment for breast or cervical cancer
 - States can also allow hospital PE determinations for other groups, including people who are aged 65+, are blind or have disabilities, as well as groups covered by 1115 waivers

Affordable Care Act Hospital PE Program (Cont.)

- Hospital PE determinations can also be made for patients' families and eligible individuals from the broader community**

How Hospital PE Works

- ❑ Hospital employee trained in conducting hospital PE determination helps individual with application
- ❑ If PE is approved
 - Hospital provides
 - Written eligibility notice
 - Beginning and end dates
 - Summary of benefits
- ❑ If PE is denied, hospital must provide reason for denial
- ❑ CMS recommends hospitals encourage all individuals to apply for full Medicaid, regardless of PE status

Qualified Hospitals

- ❑ **Participate in the Medicaid program**
- ❑ **Notify the state of its intention to make PE determinations by the process specified by the state**
- ❑ **Agree to make PE determinations consistent with policies and procedures of the state**

Making Hospital PE Determinations

- ❑ Any PE trained hospital employee may make PE determinations
 - Includes employees in hospital-owned physician practices or clinics, even if off site
- ❑ Hospitals may not delegate PE determinations to third-party vendors or contractors
- ❑ Hospitals may use third-party contractors to support PE implementation
- ❑ Hospitals must notify the state of PE approvals within five days

States Must

- ❑ Provide qualified hospitals with training in all applicable policies and procedures related to PE**
- ❑ Submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment outlining hospital PE implementation process**
 - State eligibility policies and procedures
 - Training materials
 - Hospital PE application (if using written form)
- ❑ Limit pregnant women to one hospital PE period per pregnancy**
- ❑ Collect data on hospital PE performance to fulfill their oversight responsibilities**

States May

- ❑ **Require citizenship or residency self-attestations**
- ❑ **Choose application format**
 - No written application
 - Short form
 - Standard Medicaid application with limited questions
- ❑ **Require hospitals to assist with full application**

States May (Cont.)

- ❑ **Require hospitals to administer knowledge tests to employees making PE determinations**
- ❑ **Limit hospital PE periods within a time span**
- ❑ **Take corrective action against hospitals**
 - But cannot disqualify hospital making PE determinations until after state has provided additional training or taken other reasonable corrective action measures to address the issue

Potential Performance Standards

- ❑ Proportion of individuals determined presumptively eligible by the hospital who go on to submit a full application
- ❑ Proportion of individuals who are ultimately determined eligible for Medicaid based on the full application

Thank you!

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