

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

101.08 ELIGIBILITY DATES

101.08.01 BEGINNING DATES OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

Medicaid applicants, including an applicant who dies prior to filing an application or dies prior to completion of the application process, may qualify for Medicaid on one of the following dates:

- The first day of the month of the application, provided all eligibility factors are met for the first day of the month;
- The first day of the month after the month of application in which all eligibility factors are met;
- The first day of the first, second or third month prior to the month of application when conditions are met for retroactive Medicaid.

101.08.02 BEGINNING DATES OF CHIP ELIGIBILITY

The benefit start date for CHIP is a future month. Coverage authorized by the 21st day of a month (or the first business day prior to the 21st if it falls on a weekend or holiday) is effective on the first of the following month.

There is one exception for limited retroactive coverage in CHIP. The start date for a CHIP-eligible newborn may be retroactive to the date of birth if:

- The application for the newborn is filed within 31 days of birth; and
- The approval is authorized by the supervisor within 60 days of the application.

The 31-day count for the application to be filed begins the day following the date of birth.

101.08.03 TERMINATION DATES

Eligibility for a Medicaid or CHIP recipient will end on one of the following days of the month, unless otherwise noted:

- The last day of the month in which the client was eligible; or
- The death date of the recipient. or
- The date the recipient entered a public institution.
 - CHIP EXCEPTION: CHIP eligibility is terminated on the last day of the month in which the child entered the public institution.