
APPLICATION AND REDETERMINATION PROCESSING

COVERAGE PERIODS FOR MEDICAID

**A. BEGINNING
DATES OF
ELIGIBILITY**

An applicant for Medicaid, including one who dies prior to filing an application or dies prior to completion of the application, 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 the conditions set out below for retroactive Medicaid are met.

**B. RETROACTIVE
ELIGIBILITY
FOR MEDICAID**

In accordance with 42 CFR 435.914, an applicant for Medicaid may qualify for Medicaid coverage for a three-month period prior to the month of the application. Retroactive eligibility can cover all three months of the prior period, or any month(s) in this three-month period, provided the following conditions are met:

The provision of retroactive medical assistance for up to three (3) full months prior to the month of the application is mandatory for all applicants who:

- have received services covered by Title XIX (Medicaid) during any of the three-month period; and
- meet all eligibility criteria in the retro-active month(s) when the service was provided.

An individual who is not eligible at the time of the application may be eligible for retroactive medical coverage. An application for retroactive eligibility may be made on behalf of a deceased individual.