

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

### **102.08.04B UTILIZATION OF OTHER BENEFITS**

#### **❖ Families, Children and CHIP Programs**

If the FCC client or responsible person has not provided either evidence that an application has been filed or proof of ineligibility within the 15-day request period, the Specialist will contact the agency in question to determine if an application has been filed and the usual processing time for the application. This information must be documented in the record.

#### **Action When Application Has Been Filed**

If the application for other benefits has been filed, coverage can be approved for the individual, if otherwise eligible. If the case involves an adult(s) receiving family coverage in the 85 program, a tickler will be set for the end of the usual processing time for the application for other benefits for the Specialist to contact the Head of Household or agency to obtain the final decision. If the decision is still pending, the RO must continue to maintain controls until a final decision is made and to ensure the client is taking all necessary steps to pursue the claim.

#### **Action When Final Decision is Reached**

When the final decision has been reached, the Regional Office must obtain documentation/verification for the case record. The Specialist will review the case to determine the effect the decision has on the 85 adult's eligibility. If the benefit was approved, the payment must be included in the budget and the client notified of changes in the adult's eligibility, if any.

Since children have 12 months continuous eligibility regardless of income changes, a child's eligibility will not be impacted by approval for other benefits until review.

#### **Failure to Comply Without Good Cause**

When the application for other benefits has not been filed and good cause does not exist, the FCC adult or child who was potentially eligible for the other benefits cannot be approved for Medicaid. However, any other eligible children included in the application can be placed in an appropriate program. If the 85 program is involved, one ineligible parent or sibling will cause the children and parents/caretaker relative to be ineligible due to Standard Filing Unit requirements. Therefore, any eligible children must be placed in an appropriate FPL program.