

# Home Health Aide for Medically Fragile Children

## IMPORTANT INCOME INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES

Medicaid is an income-based program and by participating in the Home Health Aide for Medically Fragile Children (Program) you agree that you understand the income earned from the Program may impact Medicaid eligibility.

Please read the below information for additional details.

Medicaid is a federal and state program that provides medical assistance to individuals based on technical and financial requirements.

- "Family-Related Medicaid" is provided to children, parents and other caretakers, pregnant women, and individuals under age 26 who were enrolled in Medicaid when they aged out of foster care.
- "SSI-Related Medicaid" is provided to individuals who are aged (65 or older), blind, or disabled living in the community or with special living arrangements. The disability is based on Social Security criteria. Most assets are counted in the determination of eligibility unless excluded based on federal and/or state requirements.

### Determination of Eligibility

A determination of eligibility is completed for a child to determine the Medicaid coverage group. An evaluation of the parent and child's earned and unearned income and/or assets **must** be completed to determine if the child qualifies for Medicaid based on the applicable income and asset limit.

- Earned Income includes wages, salary, commission, or self-employment. (Income received that is taxable is counted).
- Unearned Income includes Social Security Benefits, retirement benefits, pensions, disability payments, or other payments received on a regular basis that does not require working (employment).

**NOTE:** When there is a change in the parent's earned income it will potentially change the child's Medicaid coverage group. Income received from participation in the Program is considered earned income. The income limits are subject to change annually based on federal standards for the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) and the Federal Poverty Levels (FPL).

When an individual is no longer eligible for Medicaid due to income, the individual is enrolled in the Medically Needy Program, where Medicaid coverage is provided after meeting the share of cost each month.

### Participation in the Program

*In order to participate in the Program you must attest that you understand Medicaid eligibility determinations are based on income requirements and that the earned income from your participation will potentially affect your child's/dependent's eligibility for Medicaid.*

*Individualized assistance is available to help families determine what they can earn in the program without affecting their Medicaid eligibility. Click here or scan the QR code to request this assistance from DCF, complete this attestation, and find additional information about Medicaid eligibility:*

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