

**** *LIFC* MINOR UNMARRIED PARENT****H-230****H-230.1 General Information**

Medicaid coverage for a Minor Unmarried Parent can be provided in the **** *LIFC*** category. A Minor Unmarried Parent is a person who is under 18 years of age and who:

- has one or more children, or
- is pregnant.

H-231 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

Determine eligibility by applying the following criteria. The elements have been listed in the most logical order, but work on all steps simultaneously.

H-231.1 Determine Assistance/Benefit Unit

The minor unmarried parent who lives with a dependent child must be included in the **** LIFC** assistance unit along with the dependent child. Refer to H-210.1 for exceptions.

The parents or qualified relative of the minor parent may be included if:

- otherwise eligible, and
- the minor parent is a deprived child.

If the parent is included, the eligible siblings of the minor parent must also be included.

Who Must Be Payee

If the minor unmarried parent lives in the home of a parent or other adult qualified relative, the parent or relative must be payee for the minor unmarried parent and child.

If the minor unmarried parent does not live in the home of a parent or other adult qualified relative, the minor may be payee for herself/himself and child.

H-231.2 Establish Categorical Requirements

Establish categorical requirements **** using 7/16/96 AFDC criteria.**

H-231.3 Establish Non-Financial Eligibility

Establish non-financial eligibility requirements **** using 7/16/96 AFDC criteria.** Refer to H-221.3, **** LIFC** for all factors with the exception of those listed below.

Deprivation

Deprivation must be established only for the dependent child of the minor unmarried parent. If the parent of the minor unmarried parent is included, deprivation of the minor unmarried parent must also be established.

SES Referral

If either or both of the parents of the minor unmarried parent are absent from the home, referral must be made on the absent parents of the minor unmarried parent as well as on the absent unmarried parent of the child. Refer to I-500, Deprivation.

Both the minor unmarried parent and the payee are required to cooperate with SES. Refer to I-2000, Support Enforcement Services.

H-231.4 Establish Need**A. Determine Composition of the Income ** Unit**

The income ** unit is the same as LIFC. Refer to H-221.4, Establish Need.

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B. Determine Need/Countable Income

Count the minor unmarried parent's non-excluded income. If the minor unmarried parent is sanctioned, do not allocate for his/her needs.

If the minor unmarried parent lives with her/his parents who are not included in the assistance unit, budget a portion of the income of the parents. Refer to I-1528, Allocation of Income in LIFC.

The income of a stepparent is not budgeted in a minor unmarried parent case.

H-231.5 Eligibility Decision

Evaluate all eligibility requirements and verification received to make the eligibility decision to either reject, close, certify, or continue eligibility.

H-231.6 Certification Period

The certification period shall not exceed 12 months, excluding any retroactive coverage (up to three months).

Retroactive Medicaid eligibility shall be explored for the three months prior to the month of application. Refer to H-1800, Retroactive Medicaid.

H-231.7 Notice of Decision

BHSF Form 18-G shall be sent to the applicant.