

441—86.2(514I) Eligibility factors. The decision with respect to eligibility will be based primarily on electronic data matches and information furnished by the applicant, the enrollee, or a person acting on behalf of the applicant or enrollee. A child must meet the following eligibility factors to participate in the hawki program:

86.2(1) Age. The child shall be under 19 years of age. Eligibility for the program ends the first day of the month following the month of the child's nineteenth birthday.

86.2(2) Income.

a. Countable income. In determining initial and ongoing eligibility for the hawki program, countable income shall not exceed 302 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of the same size. Countable income shall be determined using the modified adjusted gross income methodology.

b. Verification of income. Income shall be verified through electronic data matches when possible or otherwise verified using the best information available.

(1) Pay stubs, tip records, tax records and employers' statements are acceptable forms of verification of earned income.

(2) If self-employment income cannot be verified through electronic means, business records or income tax returns from the previous year can be used if they are representative of anticipated earnings. If business records or tax returns from the previous year are not representative of anticipated earnings, an average of the business records or tax returns from the previous two or three years may be used if that average is representative of anticipated earnings.

c. Changes in income. Once initial eligibility is established, changes in income during the 12-month enrollment period shall not affect the child's eligibility to participate in the hawki program. However, if income has decreased, the family may request a review of their income to establish whether they are required to continue paying a premium in accordance with rule 441—86.8(514I).

86.2(3) Family size. For purposes of establishing initial and ongoing eligibility under the hawki program, the family size shall be determined according to the modified adjusted gross income methodology.

86.2(4) Uninsured status. The child must be uninsured as outlined in 42 CFR 457 as amended to August 1, 2024.

86.2(5) Ineligibility for Medicaid. The child shall not be receiving Medicaid or eligible to receive Medicaid except when the child would be required to meet a spenddown under the medically needy program in accordance with the provisions of 441—subrule 75.1(35).

86.2(6) Iowa residency. Residency in Iowa is a condition of eligibility for the hawki program. Residency shall be established in accordance with rule 441—75.10(249A).

86.2(7) Citizenship and immigration status. To be eligible for the hawki program, the child shall be a citizen or lawfully admitted immigrant. The criteria established under 441—subrule 75.11(2) shall be followed when determining whether a lawfully admitted immigrant child is eligible to participate in the hawki program.

a. The citizenship or immigration status of the parents or other responsible person shall not be considered when determining the eligibility of the child to participate in the program.

b. As a condition of eligibility for hawki:

(1) All applicants shall attest to their citizenship status by signing the application form, which contains a citizenship declaration.

(2) When a child under the age of 19 is not living independently, the child's parent or other responsible person with whom the child lives shall be responsible for attesting to the child's citizenship or immigration status and for providing any required proof of the status.

c. Except as provided in 441—paragraph 75.11(2)"f," applicants or enrollees for whom an attestation of United States citizenship has been made pursuant to paragraph 86.2(7)"b" shall present satisfactory documentation of citizenship or nationality as defined in 441—paragraphs 75.11(2)"d," "e," "g," "h," and "i."

d. An applicant or enrollee shall have a reasonable opportunity period to obtain and provide proof of citizenship and nationality in accordance with 441—paragraph 75.11(2)"c."

e. Failure to provide acceptable documentary evidence for a child shall not affect the eligibility of other children in the family for whom acceptable documentary evidence has been provided.

86.2(8) *Dependents of state of Iowa employees.* The child shall not be eligible for the hawki program if the child is eligible for health insurance coverage as a dependent of a state of Iowa employee unless the state contributes only a nominal amount toward the cost of dependent coverage. “Nominal amount” means \$10 or less per month.

86.2(9) *Inmates of public institutions.* The child shall not be an inmate of a public institution as defined at 42 CFR Section 435.1010 as amended to August 1, 2024.

86.2(10) *Inmates of institutions for mental disease.* At the time of application or annual review of eligibility, the child shall not be an inmate of an institution for mental disease as defined at 42 CFR Section 435.1010 as amended to August 1, 2024.

86.2(11) *Furnishing a social security number.* As a condition of eligibility and in accordance with rule 441—75.7(249A), a social security number or proof of application for the number if the number has not been issued or is not known must be furnished for a child for whom coverage under hawki is being requested or received.

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