

441—76.4(249A) Express lane eligibility. For purposes of the initial enrollment of a child in medical assistance, the department will use express lane procedures as allowed by 42 U.S.C. §1396a(e)(13) and as described in this rule.

76.4(1) For purposes of initial enrollment, the department will rely on a determination of the child's eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) pursuant to 441—Chapter 65 as establishing that a child under the age of 19 meets all eligibility requirements established in 441—subrule 75.3(2) except for citizenship or alienage requirements unless:

a. The child's household already includes other persons receiving Medicaid based on the use of the modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodology, or

b. The child was previously granted express lane eligibility and the household has not had at least a two-month break in SNAP eligibility since that time.

76.4(2) To obtain express lane enrollment for a child, the child's household must request medical assistance for the child on forms prescribed by the department. The department will send forms to the household when a child eligible for express lane enrollment is approved for SNAP pursuant to 441—Chapter 65. An adult member of the child's household or a child receiving SNAP benefits as head of household must sign the form and return it to the department within 30 calendar days of issuance.

76.4(3) As a condition of express lane enrollment, the child must meet the citizenship or alienage requirements of rule 441—75.11(249A).

76.4(4) The month of application for express lane enrollment is the month of the child's SNAP effective date. Express lane eligibility begins on the first day of the month of the child's SNAP effective date.

76.4(5) After the initial express lane enrollment, all redeterminations of medical assistance eligibility will be made without reliance on any SNAP eligibility determination.

76.4(6) Retroactive enrollment is available pursuant to subrule 76.13(3) for any of the three months before the month of the child's SNAP effective date. The retroactive eligibility determination must be made without regard to SNAP eligibility.

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