

**Testimony before the Health and Human Services Committee
Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman
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Chairman Weisz, members of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of the Medical Services Division, for the Department of Human Services. I appear before you to provide information on the number of pregnant women who were denied Medicaid coverage because of excess income; the household size of the individuals receiving Medicaid prenatal and delivery services; the number of teens receiving prenatal services through the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and information on the eligibility requirements for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Pregnant Women Denied Medicaid Coverage

The Department reviewed eligibility information for denied applications for 2007, 2008, and 2009. There were no women denied coverage; however, there are pregnant women who were approved, with a recipient liability. Sometimes the monthly recipient liability is greater than the "medical need"; therefore, the pregnant woman may not receive services that are paid for by Medicaid. Each case is different, depending on the medical need of the woman, and her household income.

Household Size of Pregnant Women approved for Medicaid Coverage

The following Table shows the number of pregnant women, by household size, along with the maximum monthly income allowed at 133%* (January 2010).

Unit Size	Under 21	21 and Over	Maximum at 133% of FPL
2	134	372	\$1615
3	26	277	\$2030
4	6	182	\$2444
5+	2	149	\$2859 (for unit size of 5)

*women may qualify at incomes above 133%; however, they would need to pay a recipient liability equal to the amount greater than the medically needy income level, plus the amount of income they have that exceeds the 133% income limit.

Teens Receiving Prenatal Services through CHIP

For 2009, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provided prenatal services to 28 individuals; and there were 795 CHIP members during this same period who were female ages 14 to 19.

Eligibility Requirements

Please refer to Attachments A and B for additional information on Medicaid and CHIP eligibility requirements.

I would be happy to address any questions that you may have.