

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Informal Medicaid Eligibility Opinion

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Date: _____

From: SCDHHS - Central Mail
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Columbia, SC 29202
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Re: _____

In order for someone to be eligible for Medicaid, one must first meet Categorical Eligibility. That means in addition to financial limits and guidelines, there are certain categories, situations, or conditions a person must meet in order to be eligible. In South Carolina, an individual must meet one of the following criteria to be potentially eligible:

- Age 65 or older
- Permanently and totally disabled according to Social Security Disability rules
- Legally blind
- Child under age 19
- Pregnant
- Parent or other specific blood relative with minor children in the home

The above referenced person(s) indicates none of these situations apply. Based on this reported information, Medicaid eligibility cannot be established at this time.

This opinion is **not** based on an application for Medicaid benefits. It is based solely on information provided by the above referenced person(s), and is not an official decision of Medicaid eligibility. This opinion does not protect any period of Medicaid eligibility (accrual rights), and does not provide any right of appeal.

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