



Newborn Eligibility – HUSKY A / HUSKY B

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HOW DOES A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO IS ON HUSKY GET MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR HER NEWBORN?

If a woman is on HUSKY during her pregnancy, her newborn should automatically be enrolled in HUSKY A through a process called Newborn Eligibility.

When a mother with HUSKY coverage delivers, the hospital completes a Newborn Notification Form. The birthing hospital should fax the form to DSS through its contractor Scan Optics at 860-812-0006 for scanning. Scan Optics then routes the W-416 back to DSS for expedited processing:

- The newborn is granted HUSKY coverage for one year.
- The baby is given a client identification number
- The hospital is notified of the baby's identification number
- DSS is notified that the newborn has been added, so that DSS can issue a client identification card for the newborn

Every hospital must have a designated staff person who is responsible for completing the Newborn Notification Form. This form must be completed by the hospital within 5 days of the child's birth.

Once the newborn is approved for HUSKY A, he/she will be enrolled in HUSKY.

HOW DOES A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO IS NOT ON HUSKY GET MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR HER NEWBORN?

If a woman is **not** eligible for HUSKY, she can apply for HUSKY for her unborn child by:

- Downloading a HUSKY application from the DSS website, <http://www.ct.gov/hh/cwp/view.asp?a=3573&q=421548&hhNav=1>, or by applying online at: <https://connect.ct.gov/access/jsp/access/Home.jsp>; or at a hospital.
- Submitting the completed HUSKY application 2-3 weeks prior to the estimated due date. The mother should indicate on the application that she is pregnant and requesting insurance for her unborn child.
- After delivery, contacting the HUSKY program and notifying them of the baby's birth date and social security number, if available. This should be done before the child turns one month old.

NEWBORNS OF UNDOCUMENTED WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAID:

Newborns are automatically eligible for HUSKY for one year regardless of income changes. After one year the child would qualify for HUSKY A or B depending on household size and income until they turn 19.

IS THERE RETROACTIVE COVERAGE FOR NEWBORNS?

If the newborn is determined eligible for **HUSKY A**, the coverage may be granted retroactive up to **90 days** prior to the date of application. (Retroactive coverage is granted if the newborn was eligible for HUSKY A during the period retroactive coverage is being requested.)



If the newborn is determined eligible for **HUSKY B**, the coverage may be granted retroactively if the application is received within **30 days of the baby's date of birth**.

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