

## Today's Objectives

- Explain presumptive eligibility and what it means to LDSS staff and health care providers
- Discuss documentations requirements and full eligibility determinations
- Discuss provider's perspective and barriers to accessing good pre-natal care



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## Promoting Positive Birth Outcomes

- Presumptive eligibility has given more women access to MA services during the most critical time in their pregnancies
- NYS has risen from 32nd in the nation to 9th in the past 10 years



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## Cost Savings

- Every low birthweight delivery that is prevented saves between \$14,000 and \$30,000 per child in long-term health care costs.



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## Presumptive Eligibility

- A means of immediately determining probable Medicaid eligibility for a pregnant woman, so that she can begin to receive pre-natal care right away
- Determination of presumptive eligibility (PE) is made by a qualified provider



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## Presumptive Eligibility Process

- Qualified providers perform a brief assessment of a pregnant woman's financial status
- Determination for full MA eligibility is done by local district staff once the application and accompanying documentation is submitted by the provider



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## Barriers to Good Pre-natal Care

- Lack of health insurance
- Documentation requirements
- Complicated applications
- Mistrust of social services entities



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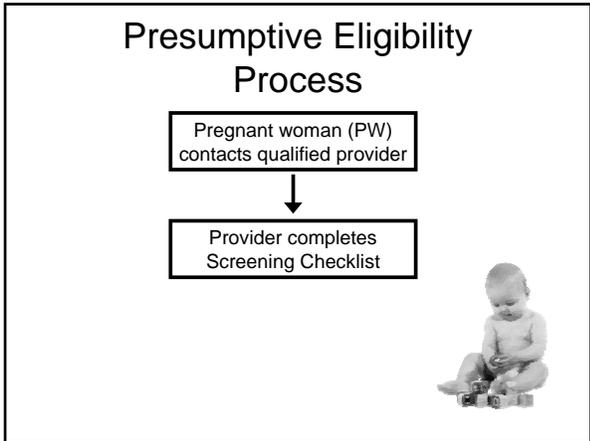
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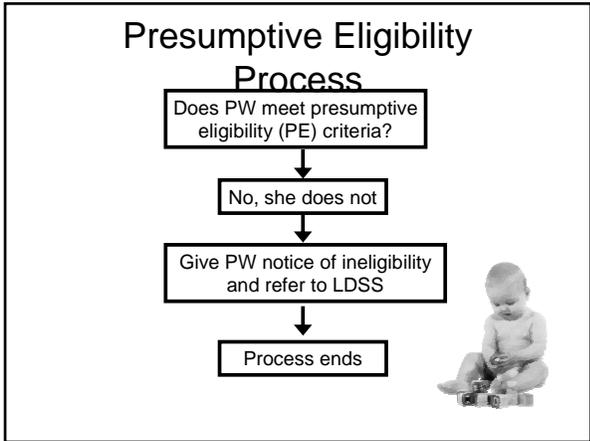
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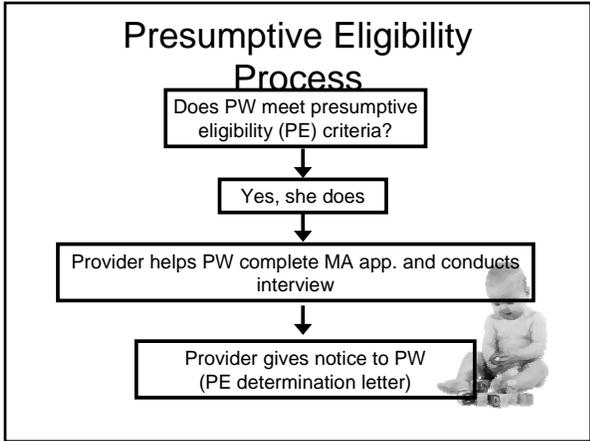
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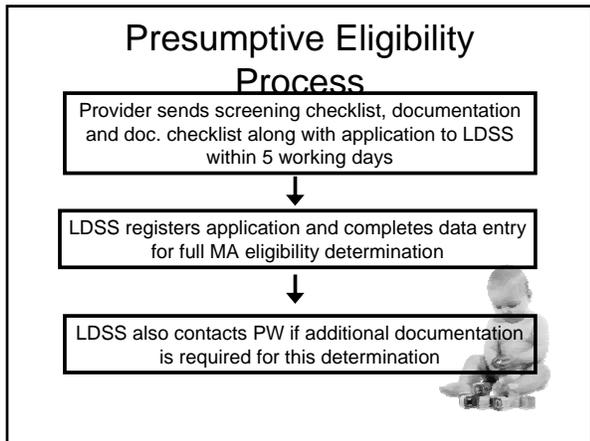
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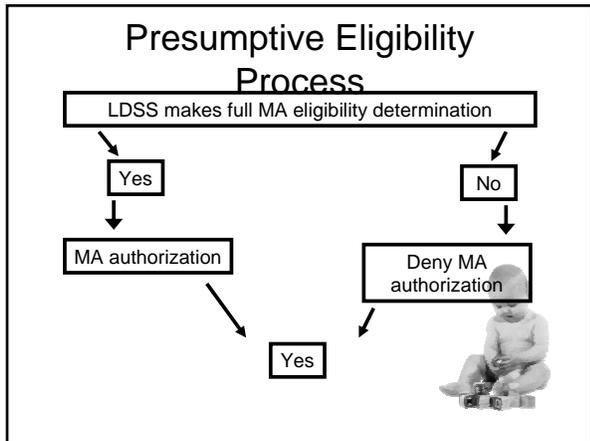
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- ### Who Can Determine PE?
- Qualified providers include:
    - PCAPs
    - Local Dept of Health/ Public Nursing Service
    - Article 28 facility
    - Certified Home Health Agency
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## PE Screening Checklist

- LDSS-4150, the Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Screening Checklist.
- Compares net family income and family size to the poverty levels at 100% and 200%, the provider determines whether she appears eligible for Medicaid at 100%, 200%, or not at all



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## How To Apply

- Two applications:
  - Growing Up Healthy (DOH 4133)
  - AccessNY Health Care (DOH 4220)
- Documentation checklist should be sent with both
- Once PE is determined, woman is given a determination letter by provider for coverage until full MA determination is made by LDSS



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## MA Prenatal Package A (Under 100% FPL)

- Physician care
- Midwife care
- Outpatient clinic
- Pharmacy
- Dental
- Laboratory
- Eye care
- Transportation
- Home health care
- Physical therapy
- Speech pathology
- Clinical psychology
- Health Education
- Nutritional counseling
- Family Planning
- Nursing Services
- Personal Care



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MA Prenatal Package B  
(Between 100% and 200% FPL)

- Physician care
- Midwife care
- Outpatient clinic
- Pharmacy
- Dental
- Laboratory
- Eye care
- Clinical psychology
- Health Education
- Nutritional counseling
- Family Planning
- Nursing Services
- Personal Care
- Transportation
- Home health care



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Documentation Requirements

- Income
- Residence
- Date of birth
- Dependant care costs
- Third party health insurance
- Identity



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Documentation Requirements

- \*\*Note:** there is NO documentation required for:
- citizenship
  - Resources
  - Social Security Number



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### Prior Family Health Plus Enrollment

- An FHP enrollee who becomes pregnant may choose to enroll in Medicaid
- If the woman chooses Medicaid, in most cases, she will remain in the same health plan, unless she is exempt or excluded from Medicaid managed care



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### Prior Family Health Plus Enrollment

- **However:** PCAPS have been advised not to file a Medicaid application for someone already in receipt of FHPlus, but to refer the pregnant woman to the FHPlus plan which should cover all necessary services.



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Pregnant Women Under 21 Yrs Old  
(Part-time Worker)

- If a pregnant woman under 21 is a Full time student who is working part time, then their income is exempt
- If pregnant woman under 21 is a part-time student working part-time, their income is exempt



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Pregnant Women Under 21 Yrs Old  
(Full -time Worker)

- If pregnant woman under 21 is a part time student working full time, their income is countable
- If pregnant woman under 21 is a full-time student and is also working full-time, then their earned-income is exempt for 6 months



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**To Evaluate Online (Internet):**

<http://www.dfa.state.ny.us/>



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**To Evaluate Online (Intranet):**

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