


To: Hospitals Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
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Re: Hospital Based Presumptive Eligibility

Effective October 1, 2020, the Heritage Health Adult Expansion (HHA) population will now be included with the existing hospital based presumptive eligibility (HBPE) groups. This will allow accepted providers under the HBPE program to make presumptive eligibility (PE) determinations for 19-64 year olds with income below 138% of the federal poverty level. These determinations for Medicaid expansion must be consistent with DHHS policies and procedures for Qualified Hospitals and Entities under the hospital based presumptive program. For more information on DHHS policies and procedures for Qualified Hospitals and Entities, click [here](#).

Medicaid expansion is added to the current groups which HBPE providers currently make presumptive eligibility determinations for (listed below).

- Pregnant Women
- Infants and Children under Age 19
- Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives
- Adults age 19-64 with income below 138% of the federal poverty level
- Former Foster Care Children
- Certain Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer, if covered by the state

Training and informational materials have been updated with the expansion population on the PE website. For more information, or to become an accepted provider follow the steps on the website: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Presumptive-Eligibility.aspx>

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