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## A to Z Presumptive Determinations

## Joy

Joy is a member of Mary's household. Mary is a 56-year-old working grandmother who claims her daughter Samantha, age 18 and a full-time student, and her granddaughter Joy (Samantha's daughter), age 2, as tax dependents. No one in the household has health insurance. All household members declare that they are US Citizens and Nebraska residents. While completing the Presumptive Form, the hospital staff learns the following:

- Mary earns \$4,500 per month
- Samantha earns \$300 per month
- There are no other sources of income

Joy is not expected to file taxes, and she is claimed as a tax dependent by her grandmother Mary. Because Joy is the tax dependent of someone other than a spouse or a parent, her household is created using non-filer rules. This includes Joy plus any spouse, children, parents, or siblings living with her.

Joy's household: Joy and Samantha (2 people)

The household income for Joy's presumptive determination:

- Samantha (Joy's mother) is not the child or tax dependent of anyone in Joy's household, so her income is counted in the presumptive determination.
- Samantha earns \$300 per month, and states no deductions, so her MAGI-based income is \$300/month.
- This is below the FPL for Joy's age group and household size (\$2,213)
- Joy is presumptively eligible for Medicaid.

## **Trent**

Trent is a member of Kelly's household. This household consists of Kelly (age 45), her partner Stanley (age 47), Kelly's 15-year-old son Isaac, Stanley's 14-year-old son Trent, and Stanley and Kelly's 2-year-old son Jacob. Kelly claims Isaac as a tax dependent. Stanley claims Trent and Jacob as tax dependents. No one in the household is pregnant. No one in the household has health insurance. Trent is the household member in need of a presumptive determination. All household members declare that they are US Citizens and Nebraska residents.

While completing the Presumptive Form, the hospital staff learns the following:

- Kelly earns \$1,500 per month
- Stanley earns \$3,000 per month
- There are no other sources of income

Trent is not expected to file taxes, and he is claimed as a tax dependent by his father Stanley. None of the exceptions for tax dependents apply to Trent, so his household is the same as the taxpayer claiming him as a dependent (Stanley). Stanley's household consists of himself and his tax dependents (Trent and Jacob).

• Trent's household: Stanley, Trent, and Jacob (3 people)

The household income for Trent's presumptive determination:

- Stanley is Trent's parent and claims him as a tax dependent, so Stanley's income is used in Trent's presumptive determination.
- Stanley earns \$3,000 per month, and states no deductions, so his MAGI-based income is \$3,000/month.
- This is over the FPL for Trent's age group and household size (\$2,554)
- Trent is NOT presumptively eligible for Medicaid.