

**TITLE IV-E FUNDED
GUARDIANSHIP
ASSISTANCE**

Children who are determined eligible for title IV-E funded guardianship assistance are categorically eligible for Medicaid. A signed Guardianship Assistance Agreement (DHS-3313) and court appointment of a guardian are required in order to receive Medicaid through the program. The DHS Subsidy Office will open and maintain the Medicaid case after the foster care case is closed. Medicaid eligibility will continue as long as the guardianship assistance agreement is in effect.

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Medicaid eligibility for children who are eligible for state funded guardianship assistance and living in Michigan is determined by the DHS subsidy office. Children in juvenile guardianship will be eligible for Medicaid under Other Healthy Kids (see BEM 131), or Department Wards, Title IV-E and Adoption Assistance Recipients (see BEM 117).

There may be some cases where the child has significant income (above 150% of poverty level) from sources other than guardianship assistance. The child's eligibility for Group 2 Persons Under Age 21 Medicaid should be determined. There may be a deductible in these cases (see BEM 132).

Possible sources of income are Retirement, Survivors, Disability Income (RSDI) or other financial support the child receives. The prospective guardian's income and assets are not considered in the determination of Medicaid eligibility for the child. See BEM 211 for Medicaid group composition information.

The child's countable income must be considered. The DHS subsidy office will open and maintain the Medicaid case after the foster care case is closed.