

CATEGORICAL FACTORS
ADC-RELATED
AGE OF CHILD

Policy: A child under the age of twenty-one (21) who is deprived of parental support and/or care (See **CATEGORICAL FACTORS DEPRIVATION OF PARENTAL SUPPORT**) is ADC-related when s/he is living with a specified relative (See **CATEGORICAL FACTORS LIVING WITH SPECIFIED RELATIVE**). The A/R and his/her caretaker relative must meet all other requirements to be eligible for Medicaid.

References:

SSL Sect.	366.1(a)(5)(iii)
Dept. Reg.	360-3.3(b)(5)
ADMs	93 ADM-29
GIS	94 MA/015

When to Verify Status: When a child is obviously under the age of twenty-one it is not necessary to verify age. However, since an A/R's date of birth is generally relevant at some point during the eligibility process, it is recommended that date of birth be verified at the first application. Once documented, it is not necessary to re-verify an A/R's date of birth. An application or recertification is never delayed or denied for lack of age verification when the child is obviously under age twenty-one (21).

Verification: The documents used to verify Citizenship/Immigration Status can also be used to verify age.

Documentation: Sufficient to establish an audit trail:

the date of birth, type of document, place and filing date of the document, any identifying numbers, and the name of the official who signed the document.