

CATEGORICAL FACTORS**CHILD HEALTH PLUS B**

Description: The federal Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 (Public Law 105-33) created the State Children's Health Insurance Program as Title XXI of the Social Security Act (known as **Child Health Plus B** in New York State).

Policy: Title XXI provides health care coverage to low-income children who are currently uninsured. Pursuant to Title XXI, New York State enhanced its existing **Child Health Plus B** program. Any child who is determined financially ineligible for Medicaid is referred to **Child Health Plus B (CHPlus B)**.

References: Public Health Law – Title 1-A of Article 25

Reg. 360-4.8

ADMs 98 OMM/ADM-8
 91 ADM-18
 91 ADM-11
 89 ADM-40

Interpretation: As part of the process of applying for **CHPlus B**, children are screened to ascertain whether they appear to be Medicaid eligible. Any applying children who appear to be Medicaid eligible will be required to apply for Medicaid. This process also applies to children who are currently enrolled in **CHPlus B** and appear potentially Medicaid eligible at the time of annual **CHPlus B** recertification.

State law requires significant outreach efforts for both **CHPlus B** and Medicaid. These efforts include public education campaigns and the designation of community-based enrollers who will assist children applying for and enrolling in **CHPlus B** or Medicaid, whichever is appropriate. The enroller will submit applications to the local department of social services (LDSS). At local district option, an interview with an approved facilitated enroller will serve as the face-to-face interview for Medicaid.