

# INSTITUTIONAL DEEMING

## Applying for Medicaid Disability After 30 Continuous Days of Hospitalization

Institutional Deeming is a way to get Medicaid for children who are hospitalized for more than 30 consecutive days if they apply and medically qualify.



### EXPLANATION

- Explain Institutional Deeming to families
  - Parent income/resources don't count toward eligibility
  - Medicaid via deeming can be secondary to commercial policy
  - Coverage back to birth (for newborns)
  - If approved, coverage lasts for at least the months of hospitalization, and for some, up to a year.



### CONSENT

- You must collect consent from the parent/guardian in order to proceed
- If you do not obtain consent, the process stops here



### COLLECTION

- Collect documentation (parent ID/insurance card, child's birth record, SS Card) from the parent/guardian and sign the necessary forms to start the Medicaid application process
  - Identity affidavit
  - Release of medical information form
  - Authorized representative form



### APPLICATION

- Start the Medicaid application
  - <https://fssa.benefits.in.gov>
  - Disabled? Check yes for child
  - List all household members; only check "applying" for child
  - Address/Phone: use yours if acting as an authorized representative
  - Enter all information: family, parent income, and basic job info
  - Once submitted, print authorized representative form, save the application, print page 3 application document cover sheet



### CONTINUATION

- Have the doctor sign diagnosis certification
- Fax personal documents, medical authorization, diagnosis certification, identity affidavit, authorized representative form, admit note, and relevant/recent progress notes to 800-403-0864, or upload documents to saved application
- As the authorized representative, schedule and complete the FSSA phone interview
  - Be sure to state that parent income/resources don't count per policies.\*
  - Get case & ID number
  - Follow to authorization/approval



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