

Moving Between Medicaid & *hawk-i*

No Wrong Door

There is no ‘wrong door’ when applying for health care coverage for children. If a family applies for Medicaid and is over income, the Medicaid application will be referred to *hawk-i*. If the family applies for *hawk-i* first and it appears the child would be Medicaid eligible, the *hawk-i* application is referred to co-located state staff to process for Medicaid eligibility. The family does not have to fill out another application form. If the child loses Medicaid eligibility due to being over income, the child is automatically referred to the *hawk-i* program to determine if coverage can continue.

hawk-i to Medicaid

Federal law requires that all applications for *hawk-i* be screened for Medicaid eligibility. If the applicant is found to be potentially eligible for Medicaid, the application is referred to state Medicaid eligibility workers who are co-located with the *hawk-i* Third Party Administrator. The co-located workers determine Medicaid eligibility centrally and then refer the approved case to the appropriate DHS office in the county in which the child resides for ongoing case maintenance. **Note:** If there is an existing active public assistance case for the family (e.g. Food Assistance, FIP, etc.), the centralized eligibility worker will not process the application for Medicaid eligibility. Rather, the application is referred to the county office where the active case is located for processing.)

Additional Information Requirements for Medicaid:

- Verification of citizenship & identity
- Social Security Number for every child for whom assistance is being requested

Medicaid to *hawk-i*

If a family applies for Medicaid for a child and is denied for being over income, the application is referred through an electronic referral process to the centralized *hawk-i* Third Party Administrator for an eligibility determination. The income used to establish Medicaid ineligibility is used to determine *hawk-i* eligibility.

Additional Information Requirements for *hawk-i*:

- Verification that insurance has ended if the child has recently been insured