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**MEDICAL SUBSIDY  
ELIGIBILITY**

Children who are eligible for the Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) are eligible for post permanency services in the same manner as adoptive families, including eligibility for medical subsidy; see [AAM 400, Medical Subsidy Eligibility](#).

The expenses that are covered by medical subsidy are identified physical, mental, or emotional conditions that previously existed within the child, or the cause of the condition that previously existed before the guardianship petition was filed.

Medical subsidy is a state-funded program. Eligibility is determined without respect to the guardian's or child's income. However, before medical subsidy reimbursement is made, the guardian(s) must pursue all available private and public funding sources for medical costs, including private health insurance and public health benefits, such as Medicaid and Children's Special Health Care Services.

**CERTIFICATION  
CRITERIA**

A child may be eligible for the state funded juvenile guardianship medical subsidy when all of the following apply:

- The child is certified eligible and approved by the Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office (AGAO) for GAP.
- Certification for medical subsidy was requested and approved by the AGAO and the medical subsidy agreement was finalized before the child's 18th birthday.

**Note:** The child's guardianship must be finalized prior to their 18th birthday to be eligible for medical subsidy.

**APPLICATION**

The application procedure for medical subsidy depends on whether the child's guardianship is pending or if the guardianship has been ordered by the court.

***Pending Guardianship Appointment***

The child's foster care caseworker must submit a DHS-3310, Juvenile Guardianship Assistance Application, and supporting documentation to the AGAO.

***Guardianship Ordered by the Court, JC 91, Order Appointing Juvenile Guardian***

The legal guardian(s) must submit a DHS-1084, Guardian's Application for Medical Subsidy, to the AGAO. The foster care caseworker or the AGAO, if the foster care case is closed, may assist the guardian(s) by:

- Providing the DHS-1084.
- Providing instructions to the legal guardian(s) on how to complete the form.

The effective date of the agreement will be the date the DHS-1084 is received by the AGAO. The application will be denied if the required documentation outlined in this policy is not received by the AGAO within 90 calendar days of the application receipt date. In the event of a denial, the guardian(s) may reapply for medical subsidy.

If additional physical, mental, or emotional conditions are diagnosed after the juvenile guardian is appointed by the court, the guardian may apply for certification of the conditions.

**DOCUMENTATION  
REQUIREMENTS**

Required documentation for Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy can be found in [AAM 400, Medical Subsidy Eligibility](#).

**AGREEMENTS**

See [GDM 740, Juvenile Guardianship Assistance Agreements/Guardian Responsibilities](#).

**COVERED  
SERVICES**

See [AAM 640, Post Placement- Use of the Adoption Medical Subsidy Program](#) for eligible services under juvenile guardianship medical subsidy.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY****State*****Guardianship Assistance Act, 260 of 2008***

Provides for assistance payments to certain guardians of minors and to provide for duties and responsibilities of certain state departments and agencies.

**POLICY CONTACT**

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