
MEDICAID: ACCESS TO COVERAGE AND PREVENTIVE CARE

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH FELLOWS

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EARLY, PERIODIC, SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT (EPSDT) BENEFIT

- Authorized by Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act
- States are required to provide comprehensive services that are determined medically necessary
 - Requirement applies regardless of whether a service is included in the Medicaid State Plan
 - Experimental services, as determined by the state, are not covered
- Includes coverage of “well child visits” which include developmental screenings, behavioral/mental health screenings and age appropriate substance use disorder screening



WELL CHILD VISIT

Well child visits should be performed periodically using the schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics/Bright Futures Guidelines and these visits include:

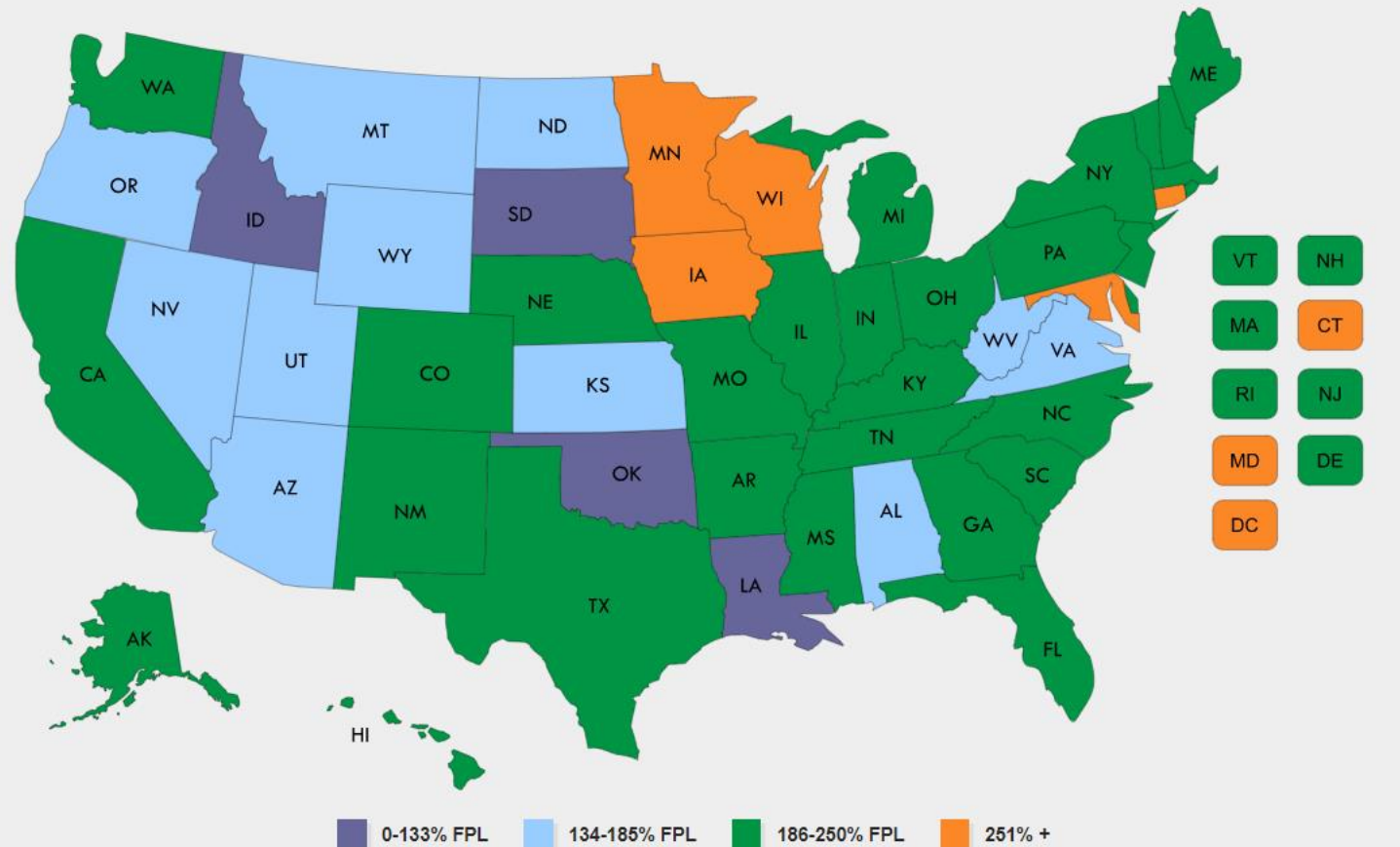
- A comprehensive health and developmental history, including both physical and mental health development assessments
- Physical exam
- Age-appropriate immunizations
- Vision and hearing tests
- Dental exam
- Laboratory tests, including blood lead level assessments at certain ages
- Health education, including anticipatory guidance

MEDICAID IN SCHOOLS

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires Medicaid coverage of services for Medicaid-eligible children with disabilities
- “Free care” policy – as of 2014, allows schools to bill Medicaid for any covered service for Medicaid-eligible children



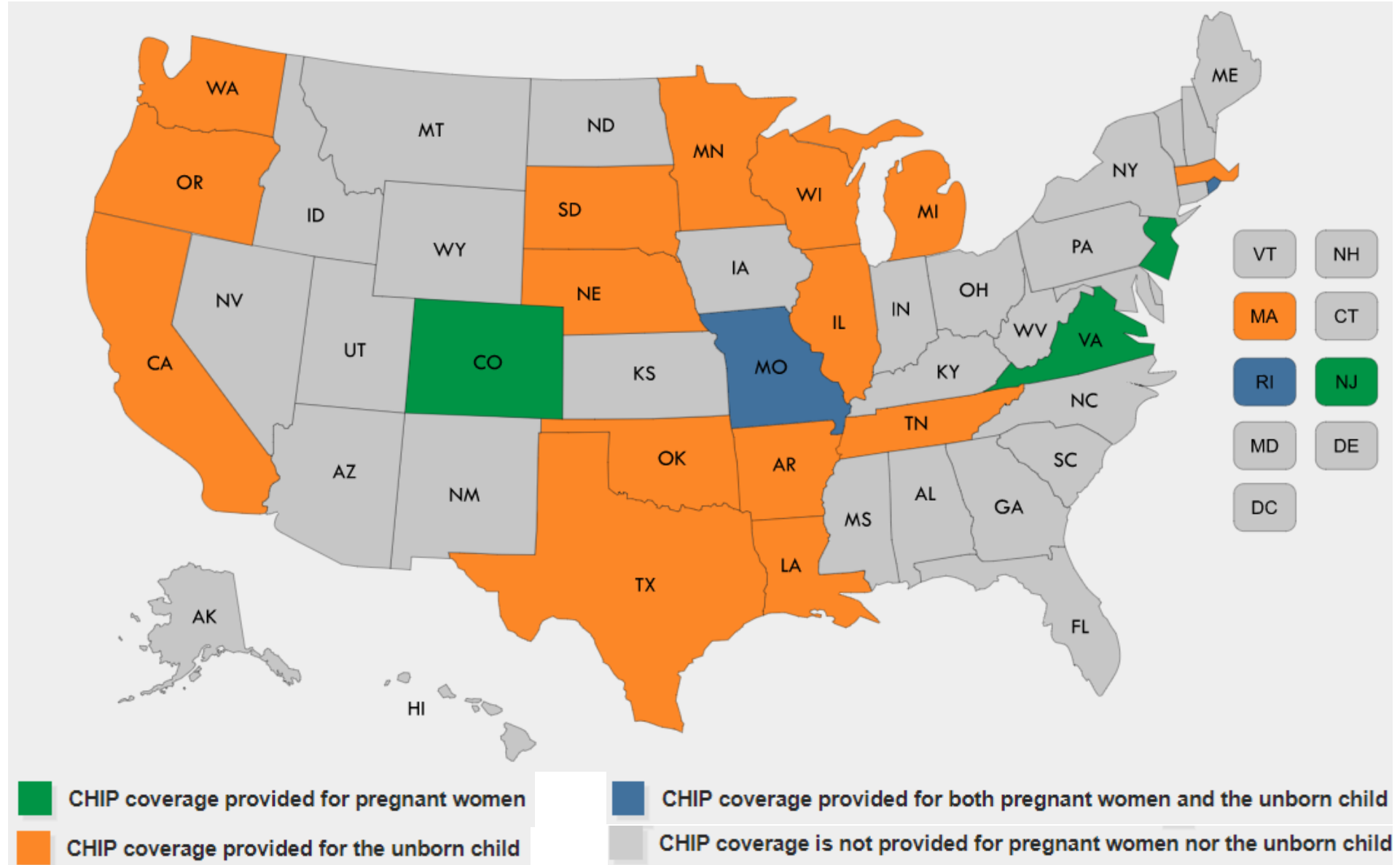
MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY LEVELS: PREGNANT WOMEN



- States are required to provide coverage up to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL)
- Many states choose to provide coverage at levels above 138% FPL

Source: National Academy for State Health Policy, 2017

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP): Coverage for Pregnant Women



Source: National Academy for State Health Policy, 2017

MEDICAID POSTPARTUM ELIGIBILITY AND COVERAGE

- All states are required to provide coverage through 60 days after birth
- Prior to the pandemic, most states did not provide Medicaid coverage past 60 days
- Legislation to extend coverage
 - Missouri [HB 2280](#) (2018) extends Medicaid coverage for substance use services one year postpartum
 - Missouri [HB 1682](#) (2020) extends Medicaid coverage postpartum depression and mental health services for one year
 - Missouri [HB 2495](#) (2020) extends CHIP coverage for pregnant women for one year postpartum

Thank you!

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