

OVERVIEW

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. 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 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.

ELIGIBILITY

A child may be eligible for the state funded Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy if all of the following apply:

- The child is certified eligible and approved by the DHS subsidy office for the GAP.
- The child is under age 18.
- The expenses to be covered by the medical subsidy are necessary due to a physical, mental or emotional condition that existed or the cause of which existed before the court order of guardianship appointment.
- The physical, mental or emotional condition is certified as an eligible condition by the DHS subsidy office.
- The guardian and DHS subsidy office designee have entered into a Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy Agreement (DHS-3013-GA) covering all of the following:
 - Identification of the physical, mental or emotional condition(s) covered by the medical subsidy.
 - The duration of the medical subsidy agreement.
 - Conditions for continued eligibility for the medical subsidy.

APPLICATION

The assigned worker should apply for the Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy (DHS-3310-M) concurrently with the Certification of Juvenile Guardianship Assistance Eligibility and Request for Agreement (DHS-3310), prior to the court's order of guardianship. 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 by using the same application form (DHS-3310-M).

**Prior to
Guardianship
Appointment**

Approved applications submitted prior to the court's order of guardianship appointment will be effective on the date of the court order of guardianship. A Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy Agreement

(DHS-3013-GA) must be signed by DHS and the guardian prior to submission of medical bills.

**After Guardianship
Appointment**

Approved applications submitted on or after the date of the court order of guardianship will be effective the date the application is received by the department if the necessary documentation is received within 90 days after the application is received and the condition is approved. If the necessary documentation is not received within 90 days after the application is received, the application will be denied. A Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy Agreement (DHS-3013-GA) must be signed by DHS and the guardian prior to submission of medical bills.

**DOCUMENTATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Documentation requirements for Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy are the same as for adoption medical subsidy. The requirements are in CFS 400.

AGREEMENTS

Policy regarding the medical subsidy agreement is in GDM 740.

**COVERED
SERVICES**

Children who are eligible for Juvenile Guardianship Medical Subsidy are eligible for the same services as are adopted children. Policy regarding covered services is in CFS 640.