


<b>FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION</b> 	<b>CARES BULLETIN</b>
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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS**

**FROM: KEVIN MAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA**

**RE: MA COVERAGE GROUPS P03, P04, P05**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

**Background:**

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion with the usage of MA Coverage Groups P03, P04, and P05. Listed below are the MA Coverage groups and the eligibility requirements.

1. P03 - Categorically Needy Newborns  
Federally matched Medical Assistance Program that is provided to children under one year old if the child's mother was receiving medical assistance as a categorically needy person at the time of the child's birth, and if the child still resides with the mother, and the mother is still categorically needy.
2. P04 - Medically Needy Newborns  
Federally matched Medical Assistance Program that is provided to children under one year old, if the child's mother was receiving Medical Assistance as a medically needy person at the time of the child's birth, and if the child still resides with the mother and the mother is still medically needy.

3. P05 - Newborns Of Women Who Would Be Eligible If Pregnant  
Federally matched Medical Assistance Program that is provided to children less than 12 months old who reside with their mothers and if their mothers were receiving Medical Assistance at the time of birth, and would still be receiving Medical Assistance if they were pregnant. In order for a child to be eligible in this coverage group, the mother must meet all of the eligibility tests for pregnant women (P02) except pregnancy. If the mother meets this criteria, then the child is eligible.

This information can also be found in the CARES Office Guide and the CARES On-line Manual.

**No action required by local departments.**

Please direct questions to the DHR Help Desk at (410) 767-7002 or 1-800-347-1350 or Ruth Waugh at (410) 767-7926.

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