



**Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 141**

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2019

**OAC Rules:** 5160:1-5-08

**To:** All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

**From:** Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

**Subject:** Applications for New State-Funded Medical Assistance for Non-Citizen Victims of Trafficking

**New Policy:**

Effective April 1, 2019, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is implementing a new state-funded medical assistance category for non-citizen victims of a severe form of human trafficking. To be eligible for this category of medical assistance the individual must have applied for, or be in the process of preparing to file an application for, "T" Non-Immigration Status with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), be an Ohio resident, and have individual income at or below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL). This category will provide full medical coverage and have an annual renewal.

Individuals who have already received T Non-Immigration Status and have a certification letter from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) should not be considered for eligibility under this category.

**Action Required:**

Applications for this category of assistance will be processed centrally by ODM and not by the County Departments of Job and Family Services (CDJFS). If a CDJFS office receives an application for this category of assistance, the application should be forwarded immediately to [centralprocessing@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:centralprocessing@medicaid.ohio.gov). Please enter the acronym NCVOT in the subject line of the email when forwarding these applications.

For advocacy groups helping individuals complete applications for this category of assistance, a sample checklist has been created and is listed in the Appendix of this MEPL.

For individuals and authorized representatives submitting verifications related to an application for this category of assistance, documents may be submitted electronically to [centralprocessing@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:centralprocessing@medicaid.ohio.gov) with the acronym NCVOT in the subject line.

MEPL #141

This information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

**Resources > Publications > ODM Guidance > Medicaid Policy > Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL)**

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODMGuidance.aspx#161542-medicaid-policy>

## Appendix

### T Visa

- Has already applied for a T Visa. Must have one of the following:
  - Form I-797, Notice of Action, issued by USCIS
  - Completed I-914, Application for T Visa
  - Completed Form I-914, Supplement B, Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer of Victims of Trafficking in Persons
  - Printouts of case status queries from USCIS website
  - Other correspondence from USCIS regarding applications, such as appointment notices
  
- Has not yet applied for a T Visa. Must have:
  - Sworn written statement that the individual is a victim of human trafficking and at least one item of additional credible evidence, such as the following:
    - ◇ Police, government agency, or court records/files
    - ◇ News articles
    - ◇ Documentation from a social service agency, domestic violence shelter, rape crisis center, legal/clinical/medical professional, or other professional to whom the individual has reported the crime
    - ◇ A written statement from any other individual with knowledge of the circumstances that provided the basis for the claim
    - ◇ Physical evidence

### Ohio Residency

- Self-attested

### Income

- Individual's statement
- Employer's statement
- Written statement of zero income
- Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information (if applicable)

- Medical bills for the previous 3 months
- Self-attested pregnancy
- Documentation of any other health care coverage or third-party information for an entity that may be responsible for payment of medical bills

### Authorized Representative (if applicable)

- Completed and signed ODM 06723 Designation of Authorized Representative