
CARETAKE RELATIVES/KINSHIP

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- I. Parents/Caretaker Relatives, and the spouse of such parent or caretaker relative (even after marriage is terminated by death or divorce) may be eligible to receive Medicaid when:**
- A. A child is under age 18, and**
 - B. Is related by blood, adoption, or marriage to the parent/caretaker; father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew or niece, and**
 - C. Living with the parent/caretaker relative**
- II. A parent/caretaker relative must meet both financial and non-financial eligibility requirements to receive Medicaid.**
- III. Prior to signing a release for adoption, the mother can receive Medicaid as the caretaker relative under the MAF aid program/category even if she leaves the hospital without the baby and never actually becomes the caretaker. Once the release is signed, she no longer meets the parent/caretaker relative definition**
- IV. Joint Custody**
- A. When parents have joint custody, determine which parent is the primary caretaker. The primary caretaker is the parent with whom the child spends the majority of their time or the parent who is primarily responsible for the child's day-to-day care (school, day care, medical care)**
 - B. When the child spends equal time with both parents; neither parent can receive Medicaid as a parent/caretaker relative**
 - C. When the child spends equal time with both parents, but one parent pays child support for the child, consider the parent receiving the child support to be the primary caretaker**

KINSHIP FOR THE CARETAKER RELATIVES

Verification of kinship is needed only if questionable.

Document in NC FAST the relationship of the caretaker relative/kinship to the child.

Parent/Caretaker Relative	Alleged Paternal Relative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Birth certificate issued by a governmental body ▪ Marriage records ▪ Hospital records established at the time of birth (including a hospital-issued birth certificate) ▪ Social Security Administration records • Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Records ▪ Bible records ▪ Hospital or physician's records, including health department or institution records ▪ Court records, including adoption records ▪ Immigration records ▪ Naturalization records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Court support records ▪ Local Agency support records (IV-D) ▪ Statement signed and dated by the paternal relative that acknowledges paternity ▪ Statement should include name of child and child's birthday • Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School records ▪ Bible records ▪ Hospital or physician's records, including health department or institution records ▪ Court records, including adoption records ▪ Immigration records ▪ Naturalization records ▪ Church records, such as baptismal certificate ▪ Passport ▪ Military records ▪ U.S. census records

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signed statement from an individual having specific knowledge about the kinship of the a/b child to the alleged relative.
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LIVING ARRANGEMENT	
VERIFICATION OF LIVING WITH FOR THE CARETAKER RELATIVE	
Verification of living arrangement is needed only if questionable.	
Document in NC FAST the living arrangement.	
PARENT/CARETAKER RELATIVE	
Primary	Secondary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A home visit when you see evidence of the child living in the home • Use of school records • Use of day care center records • Statement of a social worker employed by the local agency, when following a home visit, he/she is able to substantiate that the child is living in the home • A statement from a non-related collateral having personal knowledge of the child living with the caretaker relative. That statements must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name of the child a/b and caretaker ▪ Address of the child a/b and caretaker ▪ Child’s relationship (kinship) to the caretaker and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical records, including health department records • Social security or other benefit records • Rental records • Church records

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Basis of the individual's knowledge of the child's living situation | |
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