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Title: Verification of Pregnancy of Multiples

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The purpose of this document is to clarify the verification policies for a pregnancy when multiple unborn babies have been reported, such as twins, triplets, or more.

Verification of pregnancy is not a requirement for medical assistance. This is true whether single or multiple unborns are reported.

However, the prudent person policy may be applied in situations where staff determine that the information reported is questionable. This could include, but is not limited to the following:

   a) Denial of pregnancy coverage where one unborn is reported, and the applicant later requests coverage indicating multiple unborns.

   b) The report of 4 or more unborns, where eligibility would not exist with a household size using 3 or less unborns.

In situations where verification of a pregnancy is requested, the consumer may provide copies of medical records or a statement from a medical provider as proof.

As always, when using the prudent person policy, thorough documentation is necessary to support the reason for the request of additional information.