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Title: Non-Deemed Newborn Application Timeframe

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The purpose of this document is to clarify the timeframe to request coverage for a non-deemed newborn for coverage to automatically backdate to the date of birth. The direction here is effective upon release and applied retroactively as necessary.

Per [PM2014-11-01](#), when an application is filed for a newborn within 30 days of the date of birth and the newborn is determined eligible for CHIP, coverage will backdate to the date of birth. [PM2016-05-01](#) referred to this timeframe as 31 days, and [PD2019-09-02](#) aligned the request timeframe for non-deemed Medicaid newborns with that of CHIP non-deemed newborns, again referencing 31 days.

This document clarifies that the timeframe for requesting coverage for a non-deemed Medicaid or CHIP newborn is 30 days in order for coverage to automatically backdate to the date of birth. If the application or request is filed more than 30 days from the date of birth, coverage will not automatically backdate to the date of birth without a formal prior medical approval. This aligns with the original 2014 policy implementation as well as KEES functionality.

Note: If any newborns were granted automatic coverage back to the date of birth based on a request received 31 days after the date of birth between the dates of the issuance of PM2016-05-01 and this clarification, this is not considered in error as it would have been in keeping with the 2016 direction.

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