

# H.R. 1 policy and question guide

## mapping application template questions to applicable policy groups

Policy group	Group status	Recommended paper application question	Recommended online application question	Notes
Younger than 19 or over 65 years old	<div></div> Non-expansion population	N/A - instructions say to skip if under 19 or over 64	N/A - online applications should already ask for the ages of all household members	
SSI / SSDI recipients	<div></div> Non-expansion population	N/A - instructions say to skip if receiving SSI or SSDI	N/A - identify status through data sharing	Data sharing - ideally, this information would be collected through agency data sharing and no additional question would be needed.
American Indian / Alaska Natives (AI/AN)	<div></div> Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	N/A - instructions say to skip if American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)	N/A - online applications should already ask about race/ethnicity information, including AI/AN status	American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) status is the best umbrella question for people that would also be eligible for Indian Health Service.  Online applications should already include questions about AI/AN status.
Enrolled in or entitled to Medicare A or enrolled in Medicare B	<div></div> Non-expansion population	N/A - use age and medical questions as proxy	N/A - use age and medical questions as proxy	We recommend leaving off an additional specific question about Medicare parts A and B because it is rare that someone under 65 would have Medicare A or B and not be covered by a medical exemption.

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<b>Paper application question lead in:</b> Check all that apply. Are you or anyone applying for Medicaid...				
Pregnant	Non-expansion population	<b>Pregnant</b> now or within the past 12 months?	<b>Pregnant</b> now or within the past 12 months?	If a state needs to know about a specific postpartum period other than 12 months and does not need to know additional details about a current pregnancy, we recommend asking the paper application question and a drill down question (e.g. "within the last 3 months?"). If states do need to know more information about current pregnancies (e.g. due date), there should be two separate questions: "Is anyone in the household currently pregnant?" and "Was anyone in the household pregnant in the last 12 months?" with additional follow-up questions as needed.
Postpartum (now or in last 12 months)	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable			
At least half-time enrollment in educational program	Qualifying Activity	<b>Enrolled as a student</b> (college or vocational program) full-time or at least half-time?	Is anyone <b>enrolled as a student</b> (college or vocational program) full-time or at least half-time?	<p>Federal guidance could shift to require states to collect information about hours for half- or full-time students, similar to other work and volunteer questions. If so, a follow-up question may be needed.</p> <p>Part-time student hours can be added in the work activity table on the paper application template, and in the work activity questions in the online application template.</p>
Meeting TANF work requirements	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	Already required to complete work requirements for <b>food (SNAP) or cash benefits (TANF)</b> ?	N/A - identify status through data sharing	<p>Paper: While this question does not perfectly align with the policy group specified in the legislation, capturing every nuance would make the question too complicated for residents to answer. This is a simplified approach to help residents assess this status as accurately as possible.</p> <p>Online: Data sharing - ideally, this information would be collected through agency data sharing and no additional question would be needed. If data sharing is not possible, consider using the paper application question.</p>
SNAP recipients not exempt from work requirements	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable			

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Caregivers and parents of young children	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	A <b>parent or caregiver</b> of a child under 14, or a caregiver of someone who needs help with daily activities (such as a disabled person or older adult)?	Is anyone a <b>parent or caregiver</b> of a child under 14, or a caregiver of someone who needs help with daily activities (such as a disabled person or older adult)?	<p>For online applications, if more information is needed about parents or caregivers (e.g. caregiving for children over 14 years old, or non-parent caregiver status) those questions can be added as follow-ups or this question can be split and follow-up questions can be added, for example:</p> <p>Is anyone a parent or caregiver of a child under 18? --&gt; Is [person] the parent or caregiver for a child under 14 years old?</p> <p>Is anyone a caregiver of someone who needs help with daily activities (such as a disabled person or older adult)? --&gt; Is [person] a non-parent caregiver?</p>
Parents of dependent children with %FPL	Non-expansion population	A <b>parent of a child aged 14-18, whose income is below 53%</b> of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)? For a family of 2: \$11,469. For a family of 4: \$17,490.	N/A - online applications should already ask about family relationships and income	This question will need to be adjusted based on state FPL levels for Section 1931 parents and/or other state-specific Medicaid eligibility rules for parents. (We used Michigan's percentage - 53% - as an example).
Former foster care youth	Non-expansion population	In <b>foster care</b> at age 18 and younger than 26 last month?	Was anyone in <b>foster care</b> when they turned 18?	Online applications likely already ask about foster care status and age - do not add this question if already included.
Disabled veterans	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	A <b>disabled veteran</b> with a 100% disability rating?	Is anyone a <b>veteran</b> or has anyone served in the military or armed forces? --> Is [person(s) selected] a disabled veteran with a 100% disability rating?	Online applications likely already ask about Veteran status - we recommend a drill down question that follows up on Veteran disability status. If there is no current question about Veteran status consider using the paper application question.
Short term hardship - Inpatient care	State optional short-term hardship	<b>Receiving care in a hospital</b> , nursing facility, psychiatric hospital, facility for people with intellectual disabilities, or getting similar care last month?	Was anyone <b>receiving care in a hospital</b> , nursing facility, psychiatric hospital, facility for people with intellectual disabilities, or getting similar care last month?	
Short term hardship - Medical travel	State optional short-term hardship	<b>Traveling outside your community to get medical care</b> for themselves or a dependent last month?	Was anyone <b>traveling outside your community to get medical care</b> for themselves or a dependent last month?	

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Short term hardship - Federally declared disaster	State optional short-term hardship	N/A	N/A	The short-term hardship for federally declared emergency or disaster will likely be applied for by the state, and if granted everyone in the area will be automatically exempted. If so, this would not need to be on the application or assessed by eligibility workers.
Short term hardship - High unemployment area	State optional short-term hardship	N/A	N/A	The short-term hardship for high unemployment will likely be applied for by the state, and if granted everyone in the area will be automatically exempted. If so, this would not need to be on the application or assessed by eligibility workers.
Drug abuse treatment participant	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	In a <b>treatment program</b> for a drug or alcohol disorder?	Is anyone in a <b>treatment program</b> for a drug or alcohol disorder?	
Alcohol abuse treatment / rehab participant	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable			
Medically Frail - Substance Use Disorder (SUD)	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	Living with a <b>drug or alcohol disorder</b> ?	Is anyone living with a <b>drug or alcohol disorder</b> ?	
Medically Frail - Blind / Disabled / Physical / Intellectual / Developmental Disability	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	Living with a physical, intellectual, or developmental <b>disability</b> that makes it hard to do daily activities?	Is anyone living with a physical, intellectual, or developmental <b>disability</b> that makes it hard to do daily activities?	Online applications likely already ask about disability status. We recommended updating the application question to match our question language. However, if states do not want replace their disability question language, we then recommend at least including the following 3 disability categories in the question language: physical, intellectual, or developmental.
Medically Frail - Disabling mental disorder	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	Living with a <b>mental health disorder</b> (such as schizophrenia, major depression, or OCD)?	Is anyone living with a <b>mental health disorder</b> (such as schizophrenia, major depression, or OCD)?	
Medically Frail - Serious / complex medical condition	Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable	Living with a <b>serious health condition</b> that requires regular treatment (such as an autoimmune disorder, heart or kidney failure, or other severe condition)?	Is anyone living with a <b>serious health condition</b> that requires regular treatment (such as an autoimmune disorder, heart or kidney failure, or other severe condition)?	Online applications may have combined questions about health conditions and disability. We recommend separating these questions for clarity and accuracy.

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Current inmate	<div><div></div>Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable</div>	In <b>jail or prison</b> now or in the past 3 months?	Is anyone <b>currently in jail or prison</b> ?	<p>Paper: We recommend asking about inmate status both now and in the past 3 months because workers will be able to use previous incarceration questions on the application to know if the person is incarcerated currently or not. If not, they can infer the individual was incarcerated in the past 3 months.</p> <p>Online: Online applications likely already ask about current inmate status. If so, do not add the additional question.</p>
Recent inmate (past 90 days)	<div><div></div>Exempt/Excepted/ Not applicable</div>		Was anyone in <b>jail or prison in the last 3 months</b> ?	
Income of at least \$580 last month	<div><div></div>Qualifying Activity</div>	N/A - Assessed in income section of application. Instruction text to skip if meeting income threshold in the work reporting section.	N/A - Application should already assess Income information, no additional questions are necessary	
80 hours of community service	<div><div></div>Qualifying Activity</div>	Assessed in work activity table	Assessed in work and activity hours questions	
80 hours of work program	<div><div></div>Qualifying Activity</div>	Assessed in work activity table	Assessed in work and activity hours questions	
80 hours combination of employment, work program, community service or school	<div><div></div>Qualifying Activity</div>	Assessed in work activity table	Assessed in work and activity hours questions	
80 hours of employment	<div><div></div>Qualifying Activity</div>	Assessed in work activity table	Income / Employment section: How many hours did [person] work for this job last month?	
Average monthly income of at least \$580/month for seasonal worker over six month period copy	<div><div></div>Qualifying Activity</div>	Are you or anyone in your household a <b>seasonal worker</b> with an average income of \$580 per month or more over the last 6 months (\$3,480 total or more over 6 months)?	Income / Employment section: Is anyone a <b>seasonal worker</b> ? --> On average, did [person] make \$580 or more in income per month over the past 6 months?	