**Section 102.65** **Abandoned Newborn Infant**

a) Effective January 1, 2024, in compliance with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act [325 ILCS 2] and in coordination with 89 Ill. Adm. Code 300.180, all hospitals shall complete, based on available information, and submit a medical application on behalf of a relinquished newborn infant ("infant") under their care, where:

1) The infant is 30 days old or less, based on the reasonable belief of a licensed physician; and

2) The infant was born outside of the hospital and later relinquished to a hospital, police station, fire station or emergency medical facility.

b) Hospitals providing medical care to the infant shall:

1) Complete form HFS-2378H (Instructions for Mail-In Application for Medical Benefits Form), which is available on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' public website; and

2) Submit form HFS-2378H via email as an attachment to HFS.ACA@Illinois.gov, with subject line "Abandoned Newborn Application".

c) Applications shall be processed by the Department, and *the infant shall be* *deemed eligible for medical assistance* for 12 months. [325 ILCS 2/45]

d) After the initial eligibility period, the caring agency or adult may submit a new medical application, as the infant will not automatically continue to be eligible for medical assistance at the time of redetermination.

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