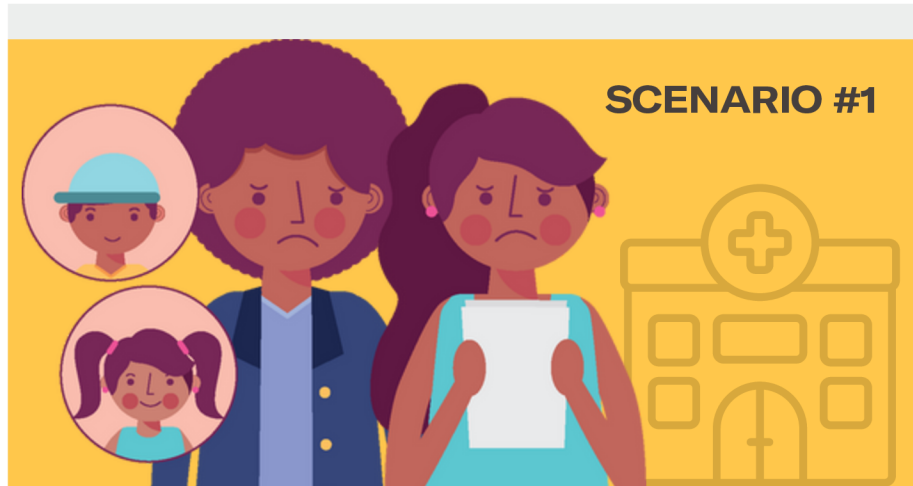


KNOW YOUR RIGHTS – WHEN APPLYING FOR MEDICAID FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN

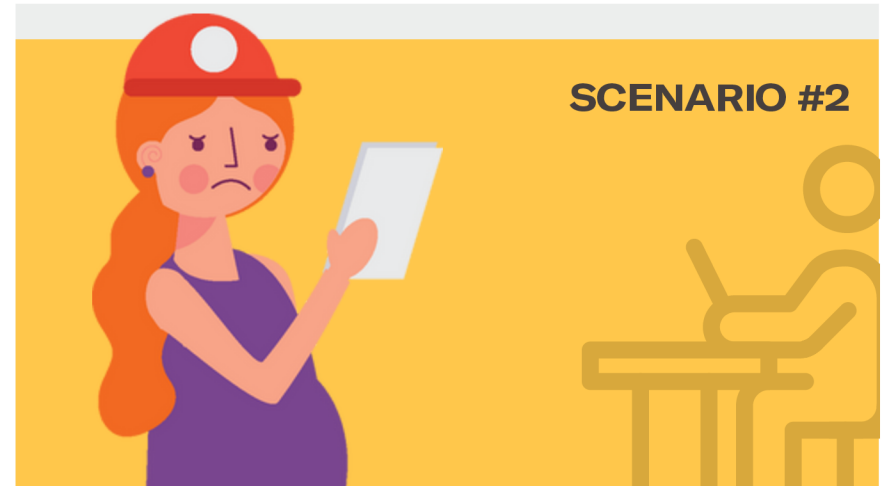


SCENARIO #1

Angela (30) and her husband Gerald are struggling to cover medical needs for their two young children (ages 1 and 4) after Gerald lost his full-time job. At the MDHS office, a worker told Angela, “You might not qualify because your husband’s still working,” but didn’t explain the income rules or that kids often qualify even if parents don’t.

Angela and Gerald have the right to:

- Apply for Medicaid at any time there is no open enrollment period.
- Have their children screened for all categories:
 - Medicaid for Infants and Children (MIC)
 - CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program) if slightly over MIC income limit
- Be told that children’s income limits are higher than adults’. Many kids qualify even if parents don’t.
- Get a written notice of approval or denial with a clear reason.
- Ask for help completing the application or understanding the process.
- Request a fair hearing within 30 days if coverage is denied.



SCENARIO #2

Suzy (24), newly pregnant and working part-time, applied for Mississippi Medicaid for Pregnant Women (MPW). The worker told her she “might not qualify if she’s working” and didn’t mention presumptive eligibility or how long the decision would take.

As a pregnant woman, Suzy has the right to:

- Apply at any time during pregnancy—no open enrollment period.
- Be screened for MPW, which covers prenatal, delivery, and postpartum care.
- Get care immediately through presumptive eligibility at participating clinics while her full application is processed.
- Receive a written notice of approval or denial with an explanation.
- Ask for help with documents or understanding the process.
- Request a fair hearing within 30 days if coverage is denied or delayed unfairly.