

## **0306 Characteristic Requirements**

### **0306.05 Characteristic Requirements for Individuals & Couples**

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Characteristic requirements are SSI-related. The term "SSI-related" refers to the methodology to be used for evaluating the individual's or the couple's income and resources, and the standards to be met for Medicaid eligibility. Thus, an individual or couple who applies for Medicaid may be eligible for one of the SSI-related coverage groups if s/he possesses an SSI-related characteristic and has limits and resources within the limits required for Medicaid eligibility.

The SSI-related characteristics are:

- Age (65 years old and older);
- Blindness; or
- Disability.

#### **0306.05.05 SSI-Related Age Requirement**

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An individual applying for Medicaid on the basis of the SSI-related characteristic of age must be 65 years of age or older. The age as stated on the application must be verified. Appropriate sources of verification are:

- Birth certificate;
- Birth record of a child over 50 as evidence that the parent is over 65;
- Birth record of child where age of parent is recorded;
- Marriage certificate; or
- Other documents such as insurance policies, passport or naturalization papers, employment, school, military or alien registration records.

#### **0306.05.10 Eligibility Based on Blindness**

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To be eligible on the basis of blindness, the individual's (adult or child) vision must meet the policy definition: in terms of ophthalmic measurement, central vision acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective lenses, or a field defect in which the peripheral field is contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

### **0306.05.15 Eligibility Based on Disability**

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To be eligible for Medicaid because of permanent or total disability, a person (adult or child) must have a permanent physical or mental impairment, disease or loss, other than blindness, that substantially precludes engagement in useful occupations within his/her competence.

A physical or mental impairment is an impairment which results from anatomical, physiological, or psychological abnormalities which are demonstrable by medically acceptable, clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques.

For purposes of eligibility, an individual is disabled if s/he is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted, or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months or, in the case of a child, if s/he suffers from any medically determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity.

Statements of the applicant, including the individual's own description of the impairment (symptoms) are, alone, insufficient to establish the presence of a physical or mental impairment.

### **0306.10 Charact Reqs for Families See Section 1301**

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#### **0306.10.10 Relationship Requirement**

Repealed October 2013

#### **0306.10.15 Deprivation of Parental Support**

Repealed October 2013

#### **0306.10.20 Exceptions to the Req of an AFDC Charact**

Repealed October 2013

### **0306.11 Severability**

If any provisions of these regulations or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of these regulations which can be given effect, and to this end the provisions of these regulations are declared to be severable.