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OVERVIEW OF MA

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MANUAL ORGANIZATION

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The basic policies and procedures to determine eligibility for Aged, Blind, or Disabled individuals or couples (SSI-Related cases) are set forth in this section. Categorically Needy and Medically Needy SSI-Related cases are subject to the income and resource methodologies and limits set forth within this section.

Each determination of eligibility (new, reopening or redetermination) requires a review of resources and income. Resources and income are also reviewed at the time of a reported change, or when information is received which indicates a change has occurred, or that unreported resources may exist. Certain information must be verified by a review of documentation, with copies of the documentation kept for the case file.

Sections 0350 through 0372 which follow set forth the policies and procedures which govern Medical Assistance eligibility for SSI-Related individuals and couples living in community settings.

- o The remainder of this section, OVERVIEW OF MA, briefly summarizes eligibility requirements and lists coverage groups applicable to individuals and couples;
- o Section 0352, CHARACTERISTIC REQUIREMENTS, describes the SSI-related characteristic requirements for an individual or member of a couple and the process of verification;
- o Section 0354, RESOURCES GENERALLY, contains general provisions which apply to the evaluation of an applicant/recipient's resources -- resource limits, definitions, how resources are distinguished from income, and policies governing the reduction of excess resources;
- o Section 0356, EVALUATION OF RESOURCES, contains the First Moment of the Month (FOM) rule and the policies for evaluating specific types of resources;
- o Section 0358, SSI-RELATED DEEMING OF RESOURCES, defines resource deeming, and describes how deeming

may impact the eligibility determination of a member of a couple and/or child;

- o Section 0360, RESOURCE TRANSFERS, defines resource transfers and the conditions under which a prohibited transfer may result in a period of ineligibility for MA payment of long term care;
- o Section 0362, INCOME GENERALLY, contains general provisions which apply to evaluation of an applicant/recipient's income -- income limits, definitions;
- o Section 0364, TREATMENT OF INCOME, contains the policies for evaluating specific types of earned and unearned income;
- o Section 0366, SSI-RELATED INCOME DEEMING, defines income deeming and describes how income deeming may impact the eligibility determination of a member of a couple and/or child;
- o Section 0368, FLEXIBLE TEST OF INCOME, contains the policies governing the spenddown of excess income to achieve Medically Needy MA eligibility;
- o Section 0370, Categorically Needy AND Medically Needy COVERAGE GROUPS, describes the eligibility requirements and other specific provisions for the SSI-related coverage groups;
- o Section 0372, SPECIAL TREATMENT COVERAGE GROUPS, describes the coverage provisions for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), Qualifying Individuals (QI-1 and QI-2), and Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI).

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#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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To be eligible for Medical Assistance, an individual or couple must meet the program's technical, characteristic, financial and cooperation requirements. The required characteristics for an individual applying for MA are those of the SSI Program -- age (65 or older), blindness, or disability.



- o SSI-eligible Non Cash Recipients (0370.30)
- o SSI-eligible but for MA Prohibited Rules (0370.35)
- o State Supplement Recipients Based on 12/73 AABD (0370.40)
- o Disabled Widowers SSI-ineligible Due to Actuarial Changes (0370.45)
- o Protected Widowers Age 60 through 65 (0370.50)
- o Disabled Widow(ers) and Surviving Divorced Spouses Who Lose SSI or SSP (0370.55)
- o Disabled Children Receiving IV-E Adoption Subsidy (0370.60)
- o Refugee Medical Assistance (0370.65)

Poverty Level SSI-related Coverage Group:

- o Low-Income Aged and Disabled Individuals (0370.70)

Medically Needy SSI-related Coverage Groups are:

- o Aged, Blind or Disabled Individuals (0370.75.05)
- o 12/73 Blind or Disabled Individuals (0370.75.10)

Special Treatment Coverage Groups are:

- o Qualified and Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (0372.05)
- o Qualified Disabled Working Individual (0372.10)
- o Qualifying Individual, QI-1 and QI-2(0372.15)
- o Title XV Coverage Group (0372.30)