

**INCOME
DEEMING**

- (e) determining eligibility for an SSI-related child who is between the ages of 18 and 21. When the child is married, income may be deemed from the spouse.
- (3) Deeming is performed as follows:
- (a) income is allocated to any non-SSI-related children in the household after deducting any court-ordered support paid by the non-SSI-related spouse as described in **INCOME UNEARNED.SUPPORT PAYMENTS**.
 - (b) in determining eligibility for an SSI-related adult, the remaining income of the non-SSI-related spouse is deemed to the SSI-related spouse, provided the income is equal to or greater than the difference between the Medicaid level for two and the Medicaid level for one. If the income of the non-SSI-related spouse is not deemed, because the remaining net income is less than the difference between the Medicaid level for two and the Medicaid level for one, then only the income of the SSI-related spouse is considered in determining eligibility.

Subtract any allowable disregards from the SSI-related spouse's income. Compare the SSI-related spouse's net income to the Medically Needy Income level or Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart, as appropriate) which ever is most beneficial. If income is deemed from the non-SSI-related spouse, subject to any allowable disregards from the couple's combined income, compare the remaining net income to the Medically Needy Income level or Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart, as appropriate) whichever is most beneficial

- (c) in determining eligibility for an SSI-related child, the parents' remaining net income, after allocating to any non-SSI-related child, is subject to the appropriate disregards as described in **INCOME SSI- RELATED DISREGARDS**, and steps C-2 through C-8. The remaining income is deemed to the SSI-related child. The deemed income is added to any income of the SSI-related child and the eligibility process is continued as described in steps C-9 and C-10. (See **INCOME DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY** for steps)