

**INCOME**  
**SSI-RELATED BUDGETING METHODOLOGY**  
**DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

**Policy:** Eligibility for persons who are SSI-related is determined by comparing the net available income of the A/R to the Medically Needy Income level or Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart as appropriate) whichever is most beneficial. The resources of the A/R are also considered. A discussion of resources is found **RESOURCES**.

**References:** SSL Sect. 366

ADMs 94 ADM-13  
91 ADM-27  
83 ADM-17

**Interpretation:** SSI-related persons who meet the requirements of any other category (LIF, ADC-related, under age 21 or pregnant) have a choice between LIF, ADC-related budgeting or SSI-related budgeting. A/Rs are informed of this choice by the eligibility worker and shown which budgeting method is more advantageous. Once the A/R chooses a particular method of budgeting, the same method is used for resources as well as income.

The SSI-related budgeting methodology (as described in this Guide) is divided into three parts. Part A describes the determination of countable income for SSI-related A/Rs. Part B describes the determination of eligibility for an SSI-related adult when income is allocated to meet the needs of non-SSI-related children in the household. It also includes the budgeting disregards applicable to an SSI-related adult, whether or not allocation or deeming is appropriate. It is important to carefully review **RESOURCES ALLOCATION** and **DEEMING** to determine if allocation and deeming are necessary in each case. Part C describes the eligibility determination process for an SSI-related child living with at least one parent. It includes the process by which a portion of the parent's income is allocated to any non-SSI-related children in the household as well as the allocation to the parent. It also describes how the parent's income is deemed to the SSI-related child before eligibility is determined for that child.

A. General steps applicable to all SSI-related A/Rs.

Determine the monthly income of the individual or couple. All income from all sources is reviewed to determine if it is