

INCOME**SINGLES/CHILDLESS COUPLES (S/CC) BUDGETING METHODOLOGY**

Policy: Single individuals or childless couples who are: (1) at least age 21, but not yet 65; (2) not certified blind or certified disabled; (3) not pregnant; and (4) not caretaker relatives of children under age 21 are determined eligible for Medicaid using the S/CC budgeting methodology.

References:

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| SSL Sect. | 366.1(a) |
| Dept. Reg. | 352 360-4.6 370 |
| ADMs | OMM/ADM 97-2 97 ADM-21 |
| GIS | 08 MA/022 |

Interpretation: Eligibility using S/CC budgeting is determined as follows:

- (1) determine the monthly income of the person or household as described in **OTHER HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**. Certain kinds of income are disregarded in whole or in part (See **INCOME S/CC DISREGARDS**);
- (2) compare the monthly income to 185% of the Public Assistance Standard of Need (See **INCOME S/CC BUDGETING METHODOLOGY 185% MAXIMUM INCOME LIMIT**). If the income exceeds 185% of the Medicaid Standard, the A/R is not eligible for Medicaid. If the monthly income is equal to or less than 185% of the Medicaid Standard; then
- (3) Compare the monthly income to 100% of the federal poverty level. If the income exceeds 100% of the federal poverty level the A/R is not eligible for Medicaid. If the monthly income is equal to or less than 100% of the federal poverty level, then
- (4) deduct the \$90 work expense disregard;
- (5) deduct mandatory items from unearned income;
- (6) deduct that part of income from self-employment or a small business as described in **INCOME EARNED SELF-EMPLOYMENT OR SMALL BUSINESS INCOME** of this guide. Depreciation, personal business and entertainment

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expenses, personal transportation, personal income tax, purchase of capital equipment and payment on the principal of loans are not excluded or disregarded;

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- (7) deduct the \$50 spousal support payment disregard, (See **INCOME S/CC DISREGARDS**);
- (8) compare the resulting net income to the Medically Needy Income level or Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart as appropriate) which ever is most beneficial..

Disposition:

To determine eligibility for Medicaid, using S/CC budgeting methodology, the net income of the A/R, after all appropriate disregards have been deducted, is compared to the Medically Needy Income level or Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart as appropriate) which ever is most beneficial. (See **REFERENCE MBL LIVING ARRANGEMENT CHART and MEDICALLY NEEDY INCOME AND FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS**). If the A/R's income equals or exceeds the Medicaid Standard, s/he is ineligible for Medicaid.