

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

**DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

**Policy:** Eligibility for single persons and childless couples who are over the age of 21, but under the age of 65, and who are not certified blind, certified disabled or pregnant is determined by comparing the net available income of the A/R to the Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart as appropriate). (See **REFERENCE MEDICAID STANDARD and MBL LIVING ARRANGEMENT CHART**). In order for such a person to be eligible for Medicaid, s/he must meet the eligibility criteria for S/CC (See **CATEGORICAL FACTORS SINGLES/CHILDLESS COUPLES (S/CC)**).

**References:**

SSL Sect.	366
Dept. Reg.	360-3.3(a) (1)
ADMs	OMM/ADM 97-2
GIS	08 MA/022

**Interpretation:** Eligibility for S/CC persons is determined as follows:

- (1) Determine the A/R's household size by counting those persons who are applying and their legally responsible relatives (See **RESOURCES PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE**). An S/CC household cannot be larger than two.
- (2) Determine the gross monthly income of the person or household. All income from all sources is reviewed to determine if it is to be included in the eligibility determination. The income/resources of a non-applying spouse are countable in the eligibility determination process, regardless of whether or not they are actually contributed.

Certain kinds of income are disregarded in whole or in part (See **INCOME S/CC DISREGARDS**). The income is converted to a monthly figure.

- (3) Compare the monthly income to 185% of the Medicaid Standard as described in **REFERENCE MEDICAID STANDARD**. If the income

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exceeds 185% of the Medicaid Standard, the A/R is ineligible for Medicaid and the determination of eligibility goes no further. If the income is less than or equal to 185% of the Medicaid Standard, the eligibility determination continues.

- (4) Compare the monthly income to 100% of the federal poverty level. If the A/R's income exceeds the poverty level, the A/R will not be eligible under S/CC (See 97 ADM-23). In situations requiring special allowances (housing, restaurant, etc.) which bring the Medicaid Standard above the federal poverty level there will be no 100% federal poverty level test.
- (5) Deduct the applicable disregards from the monthly income in the following order:
  - (a) \$90 work expense disregard (See **INCOME S/CC BUDGETING METHODOLOGY \$90 WORK EXPENSE DISREGARD**);
  - (b) where applicable, the first \$50 of spousal support payments is disregarded (See **INCOME S/CC DISREGARDS**).
- (6) Compare remaining income to the Medicaid Standard. If the income is less than the Medicaid Standard, the A/R is income eligible for Medicaid. If the income equals or exceeds the Medicaid Standard, the A/R is ineligible for Medicaid.

NOTE: If a family's countable income exceeds the Medicaid Standard, the family may not spenddown to the Medicaid Standard. However, eligibility may exist and should be evaluated under one of the Medically Needy or Expanded Eligibility (poverty level) programs or Family Health Plus.