

**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)**)

**NOTE:** Effective April 1, 2008, the Medicaid standard is used to determine Medicaid eligibility for single individuals and childless couples, regardless of their living arrangement, since medical care is now considered an unmet need. Therefore, it is not necessary to determine if there is an unmet need.

**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 of a non-applying spouse who lives in the same household is counted in the eligibility determination process, unless such spouse refuses to make his/her income available.

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 exceeds 185% of the Medicaid