

**REFERENCE/DESK AIDS
CATEGORICAL FACTORS**

**REDUCTION FACTORS FOR CALCULATING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY
UNDER PICKLE AMENDMENT**

<i>If SSI was terminated during this period:</i>	Multiply Social Security income by:	<i>If SSI was terminated during this period:</i>	Multiply Social Security income by:
May – June 1977	.267	Jan. 1995 – Dec. 1995	.680
July 1977 – June 1978	.282	Jan. 1996 – Dec. 1996	.698
July 1978 – June 1979	.301	Jan. 1997 – Dec. 1997	.718
July 1979 – June 1980	.330	Jan. 1998 – Dec. 1998	.733
July 1980 – June 1981	.378	Jan. 1999 – Dec. 1999	.742
July 1981 – June 1982	.420	Jan. 2000 – Dec. 2000	.761
July 1982 – Dec. 1983	.451	Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001	.788
Jan. 1984 – Dec. 1984	.467	Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2002	.808
Jan. 1985 – Dec. 1985	.483	Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2003	.819
Jan. 1986 – Dec. 1986	.498	Jan. 2004 – Dec. 2004	.837
Jan. 1987 – Dec. 1987	.505	Jan. 2005 – Dec. 2005	.859
Jan. 1988 – Dec. 1988	.526	Jan. 2006 – Dec. 2006	.894
Jan. 1989 – Dec. 1989	.547	Jan. 2007 – Dec. 2007	.924
Jan. 1990 – Dec. 1990	.573	Jan. 2008 – Dec. 2008	.944
Jan. 1991 – Dec. 1991	.604	Jan. 2009 – Dec. 2009	1.00
Jan. 1992 – Dec. 1992	.626	Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2010	1.00
Jan. 1993 – Dec. 1993	.645	Jan. 2011 – Dec. 2011	1.00
Jan. 1994 – Dec. 1994	.661	Jan. 2012 – Dec. 2012	1.00

To determine the countable SSA income to be used in determining eligibility under the Pickle Amendment:

- Locate the month in which the person last received SSI and the corresponding Reduction factor.
- Multiply the individual's (and/or spouse's)
- current Social Security benefit by the applicable Reduction factor.
- The result is the countable SSA income to be used. This figure should be added to any other countable income.
- If the resulting total (minus \$20.00 SSI-related income disregard) is less than the current SSI income standard and resources are less than the current SSI resource level, the individual is financially eligible for Medicaid under the Pickle amendment.

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MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE PICKLE AMENDMENT

Screening for Medicaid eligibility under the Pickle Amendment is as follows:

Step 1: Ask the person, "Are you now receiving a Social Security check?" If the answer is no, the person cannot be Pickle eligible. If the answer is yes, go on to the next step.

Step 2: Ask the person, "After April 1977, did you ever get an SSI check at the same time that you got Social Security, or did you get SSI in the month just before your Social Security started?" If the answer is no, the person cannot be Pickle eligible. If the answer is yes, go on to step 3.

Step 3: Ask the person, "What is the last month in which you received SSI?"

Step 4: Look up that month in which the person last received SSI. (See **REFERENCE REDUCTION FACTORS FOR CALCULATING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE PICKLE AMENDMENT**) Find the percentage that applies to that year and month. Multiply the present amount of the person's (and/or spouse's) Social Security benefits by the applicable percentage.

Step 5: You have just calculated the person's countable Social Security income under the Pickle Amendment. Add the figure that you have just calculated to any other countable income the person may have. If the resulting total is less than the current SSI income criteria, the person is Pickle eligible, from the standpoint of income, for Medicaid benefits. (The person must still satisfy separate Medicaid resource and non-financial requirements.)

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