

INCOME

CHRONIC CARE BUDGETING METHODOLOGY FOR INDIVIDUALS

To determine the individual's eligibility for Medicaid and the amount of his/her income to be applied to the cost of care, deductions are made in the following order:

- (a) Subtract the appropriate Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) from his/her available income. The A/R is no longer allowed the SSI-related income disregards.

When the A/R has no earned income and resides in a medical facility as defined by Article 28 of Public Health Law, deduct \$50 for the PNA.

When the A/R has no earned income and resides in a medical facility regulated by Article 31 of Mental Hygiene Law, deduct \$35.00 for the PNA.

When the A/R has earned income the PNA consists of \$50.00 or \$35.00 as applicable, plus the SSI-related earned income disregards. The total PNA amount may not exceed the Medically Needy Income level or Medicaid Standard for one .

- (b) Deduct an amount to cover any third party health insurance premium;
- (c) The needs of any children under 21 years of age for whom the A/R is legally responsible, in his/her former family household are then considered. The A/R's income is used to bring such children's income up to the appropriate Medically Needy Income level or Medicaid Standard, whichever is higher.

NOTE: The maintenance needs of children for whom the A/R is legally responsible, in his/her former family household are considered, regardless of their resources.

- (d) Deduct any expenses incurred for medical care, services or supplies and/or remedial care, not paid by Medicaid or a third party.

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Any remaining income is applied to the cost of care on a monthly basis.

When an individual enters a medical facility on a temporary basis and is expected to return to the community, s/he is considered temporarily absent. S/he and any persons residing in his/her household are budgeted as a community case. His/her income is compared to the Medically Needy Income level or the Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart, as appropriate) whichever is most beneficial.