

**CATEGORICAL FACTORS
SSI-RELATED**

AGE (65 OR OVER)

Policy: All persons 65 years of age and over are eligible to receive Medicaid, if they meet the financial and other eligibility requirements.

References:

SSL Sect.	366 366.1 366-ee
ADMs	10 OHIP/ADM-01
Dept. Reg.	360-3.3(b)(1)
GISs	09 MA/027

Interpretation: When determining eligibility for A/Rs age 65 or over, local districts offer a choice between the SSI-related budgeting and ADC-related budgeting if the A/R also meets the requirements for ADC-related Medicaid. If the individual's income eligibility is the same under both budget types and the individual is not eligible for, or does not wish to participate in Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD), the individual must be given the ADC-related category of assistance, since benefits under this category are not limited based on resources. (See **INCOME** ADC-RELATED BUDGETING)

When to Verify Status: Verify status when:

- (1) the A/R's birth date indicates that s/he is age 65 or approaching 65.
- (2) the A/R indicates that s/he receives Medicare, Social Security, Railroad Retirement or other pension benefits. These benefits may indicate that the A/R is aged. However, these benefits may be based on disability, early retirement, etc.

Verification Process:

The age of a certified blind or certified disabled adult does not affect eligibility, and therefore, verification of age does not delay case processing.

The following documents are used to verify age:

Birth Certificate
Adoption papers or records
Hospital or clinic records
Driver's License

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Church records
Baptismal Certificate
Vital Records Office of the New York State Department
of Health
Municipal Local Registrar Records
U.S. Passport
Census records
Immigration and Naturalization Service Records
Records of birth maintained by SSA
Physician's statement

Documentation: Sufficient to establish an audit trail:

the date of birth, place and date of filing, identifying numbers of the available document and the name of the official who signed the document.

Disposition: Persons 65 or over are advised of benefits which may be available to them under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. If they appear eligible and express interest they are referred to the local Social Security District Office for a determination of SSI eligibility. Application for SSI is **not** a condition of eligibility for Medicaid.