

**OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

LOW INCOME FAMILIES (LIF), ADC-RELATED, PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Must not include:

- Children and siblings over the age of 21
- SSI cash recipients
- Family Assistance/Safety Net Assistance cash recipients
- Unrelated foster care children
- Parents of pregnant minors
- Non-legally responsible relatives over age 21
- Unrelated household members (e.g. roommates)

Determining eligibility is a two-step process:

1. Count as many persons in the household as possible. If the child or the person seeking eligibility is not found eligible;
2. Remove the "May Counts" from the household of the applicant(s) and determine eligibility.

Policy:

Medicaid may be authorized for an entire household or the portion of a household that is determined eligible. All persons in a household may apply on the same application, regardless of whether or not their eligibility is determined in the same budget/household. A child(ren) in receipt of an adoption subsidy may be removed from the household for budgeting purposes if the child(ren) makes the rest of the family ineligible. Federal law mandates states provide Medicaid coverage for adopted IV-E children.

References:

SSL Sect.	365 366
Dept. Reg.	360-4.2
ADMs	OMM/ADM 97-2 91 ADM-8 90 ADM-9 82 ADM-6
INFs	07 OHIP/INF-1 90 INF-45
LCMs	95 LCM-106
GISs	00 MA/021 00 MA/007

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Interpretation: When determining eligibility, initially include all the Must counts and May counts in the household. In the event that the applicant(s) are not found eligible, the May Counts should be removed from the household. This option must be explained to the applicant. It is the A/R's choice of who is applying and who of the May Counts are counted in the household size.

A child who is eligible for and receiving Adoption Assistance payments is automatically eligible for Medicaid.

A single individual under age 21 living separate and apart from his/her parents is a one-person household.

Disposition: Families with children under age 21 residing in the household, persons under age 21 living alone, and pregnant women may all be eligible under LIF. This group includes families without a deprivation factor as well as families with a deprivation.

The household size of a pregnant woman is increased by one to account for the additional needs associated with pregnancy regardless of the number of expected births.

Children not found eligible for Medicaid, must be referred to Child Health Plus for an eligibility determination.