

**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, 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