

**CATEGORICAL FACTORS**

**Policy:** The Medicaid eligibility determination process begins with a determination of an applicant's category. The applicant may be eligible for Medicaid in any one of the following categories:

- receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- eligible under Low Income Families (LIF);
- eligible under Singles/Childless Couples (S/CC);
- ADC-related;
- receiving Foster Care or Adoption Assistance;
- Federal Poverty Level Programs;
- SSI-related (Aged, certified blind/disabled);
- under age 21;
- pregnant women;
- FNP parents; or
- parents living with their dependent children under age 21.

**References:**

SSL Sect.	366.1 453(1)(b)
Dept. Reg.	360-3.3 369 369.3(d)(1)
ADMs	OMM/ADM 97-2 94 ADM-12 93 ADM-34 87 ADM-22 82 ADM-24

**Interpretation:** The federal government participates in the cost of care for all categories except S/CC and FNP parents.

**NOTE:** New York State is currently providing Medicaid with federal participation to most recipients, regardless of category,

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including Single Individuals and Childless Couples as a result of the time limited waiver granted to New York State, pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

Certain other persons are eligible for Medicaid as a result of their eligibility remaining in effect from a previous period of time. These persons are listed on **CATEGORICAL FACTORS, MEDICAID EXTENSIONS/ CONTINUATIONS**.

#### **Disposition:**

When the proper categorical relationship has been established, financial eligibility is determined according to the guidelines specified in the **INCOME** and **RESOURCE** sections of this manual, in addition to any applicable requirements found in the **OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** section.

This section describes the following categorical relationships and requirements:

- Legally recognized same sex marriages,
- Low Income Families (LIF);
- ADC-Related;
- SSI-Related;
- Under age 21;
- Pregnant women;
- Families living with their dependent children under age 21;
- Singles/Childless Couples (S/CC);
- FNP parents; and
- Medicaid Extensions/Continuations.