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**SSI-RELATED DEEMING OF RESOURCES**

**Policy:**

The basis for deemming is inherent in the concept that husbands and wives living together have a responsibility to each other and generally share income. Parents living with their children also have a responsibility for their children and generally provide income for their needs.

**References:**

20 CFR	416.1165
SSL Sect.	366.2
Dept. Reg.	360-4.4 360-4.6(b)(1)(ii) 360-4.6(b)(2) 360-4.7
ADMs	91 ADM-27 87 ADM-27

**Interpretation:**

The budgeting of resources for SSI-related persons involves the deemming of resources from one spouse to another and from parents to their SSI-related child under age 18. When determining eligibility for an SSI-related individual who is living with his or her spouse, the resources of such spouse, not otherwise excluded under the SSI-related disregards, are considered to be available to the SSI-related individual.

When budgeting the resources of an SSI-related person living with his/her spouse, the final net resources of the SSI-related person and his/her spouse are compared to the Medicaid resource level for two. Children's resources are not counted in determining the SSI-related parent's eligibility.

To determine the amount of resources to be deemed to the child by a single parent, the parent's countable resources are compared to \$2,000, the resource level for one used by the Social Security Administration, to determine eligibility for SSI recipients. The countable resources of a two-parent household are compared to \$3,000, the SSI resource level for two.

In the case of an SSI-related child, the child's resources are deemed to include any resources, not otherwise excluded under the SSI-related disregards, of a parent who is living in the same household to the extent that the parent's countable resources exceed the resource level used by the Social Security

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Administration. If a child is living with only one parent, the resource level for an individual applies (\$2,000). If the child is living with both parents, the resource levels for a couple apply (\$3,000). Resources in excess of these levels are deemed available to the SSI-related child (if there is more than one SSI-related child in the household, the deemed amount is distributed equally among them). The deemed resources are added to the child's own resources (if any) and compared to the Medicaid resource level for one found in the **REFERENCE MEDICAID RESOURCE LEVELS**.

The deemng of parental resources to an SSI-related child does not reduce the countable resources available to the parents when determining eligibility for them.

Unlike income budgeting for SSI-related persons, there is no allocation of resources to non-SSI-related children in the household.