

INCOME**INCOME LEVELS**

Description: Income levels are the amount of income a person or household can retain and still be eligible for Medicaid. The amount varies depending on the category of the A/R and the household size.

Policy: In determining eligibility for Medicaid, an A/R's net available income is compared to the appropriate Medicaid level. An A/R's income may be compared to more than one income level, depending on their category.

References:

SSL Sect.	366
Dept. Reg.	352 360-4.3 360-4.6 360-4.7(b)
GIS	99 MA/032

Interpretation: The amount of the income level increases as the size of the household increases. Persons who are ADC-related, SSI-related, under 21, pregnant, stepparents, and/or fathers of unborns with no children of their own in the household are allowed the Medicaid income level or the Public Assistance Standard of Need, whichever, is higher. Pregnant women and children under age 19 are allowed the Medicaid expanded levels. S/CC persons are only allowed the S/CC income levels.

Disposition: Net available income is compared to the appropriate income level to determine eligibility for Medicaid. For some persons, income in excess of the level is available to meet the cost of medical care and services as determined according to Department regulations. (See page 239 for treatment of excess income.)

The following subjects are covered in this section:

Medically Needy Income Level;
Medicaid Expanded Levels; and
Public Assistance Standard of Need.