

**OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

**FAMILY SIZE
(PREGNANT WOMEN, AND CHILDREN)**

Description: Family size applies to Medicaid eligibility determinations for children under the age of 19 and pregnant women. For these individuals the family size includes all other family members residing in the household (parents, step-parents, siblings, step-siblings, and half siblings) **whether or not they are applying**

Note: The term “family size” is used to identify who is included in the budget when determining eligibility for Medicaid under the poverty levels.

Policy: Medicaid may be given to an otherwise eligible individual, household, or a portion of the applying household.

References:

SSL Sect.365	366
Dept. Reg.	360-4.2
ADMs	OMM/ADM 97-2 90 ADM-9
INF	90 INF-45
LCM	95 LCM-106

Interpretation: The income of the parents, stepparents who acknowledge support of stepchildren, applying siblings (including stepsiblings and half-siblings) residing in the household is counted when determining the eligibility of children under the age of 19. There are two (2) exceptions:

- (1) the income/resources of PA and SSI cash recipients are not considered; and,
- (2) the income/resources of parents are not considered in determining the income/resources available to pregnant woman under 21 years of age.

Families are **not** given the option of excluding minor children and their income from the poverty level budget process.

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In those instances when a siblings' income places the family income above the applicable poverty level, the applicant and legally responsible relatives may be eligible for Medicaid with a spenddown if the income is compared to the Medicaid level (see page 114).