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**OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

ADC-RELATED HOUSEHOLD

Description: *For applicants in the ADC-related category, the household may include the applicant, legally responsible relatives and all applying and non-applying children/siblings under the age of 21 residing together in the household. The household may also include a caretaker relative as defined by ADC. If the household is ineligible as a unit, eligibility is determined according to lines of legal responsibility.*

Although parents are legally responsible for their children and stepchildren, the income and resources of the parent or step-parent are not considered in the determination of eligibility for a pregnant minor or a certified disabled or certified blind child who meets the criteria specified on page 26.

Family Assistance/Safety Net and SSI recipients are invisible when determining eligibility.

Policy: Medicaid may be authorized for an entire household or the portion of a household that is eligible.

References: SSL Sect. 365

Dept. Reg. 360-4.2

ADMs OMM/ADM 97-2
91 ADM-27
91 ADM-8
82 ADM-6

GIS 00 MA/021
00 MA/007

Interpretation: ***When determining eligibility, initially include all applying and non-applying siblings under the age of 21 residing together in the household. In the event that a sibling has income and/or resources which renders the applicant(s) ineligible, the applicant has the right to exclude any applying or non-applying child(ren) with income and/or resources from the household count. This option must be explained to the applicant.***

The choice of who is applying and who is counted in the household size is the A/R's.

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**HOUSEHOLD SIZE FOR POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAMS
(PREGNANT WOMEN, AND CHILDREN)**

Description: *Household size for pregnant women and children under the age of 19, the family may include the applicant, legally responsible relatives and all applying and non-applying children/siblings under the age of 21 residing together in the household. The household may also include a caretaker relative as defined by ADC. If the household is ineligible as a unit, eligibility is determined according to lines of legal responsibility.*

Although parents are legally responsible for their children and stepchildren, the income and resources of the parent or step-parent are not considered in the determination of eligibility for a pregnant minor or a certified disabled or certified blind child who meets the criteria specified on page 26.

Family Assistance/Safety Net and SSI recipients are invisible when determining eligibility.

Note: *Because household composition policy now applies across program lines, the term “family size” is no longer used.*

Policy: Medicaid may be authorized for 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
GIS	00 MA/021 00 MA/007

Interpretation: The income of the parents, stepparents who acknowledge support of stepchildren, applying siblings (including stepsiblings and half-

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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.

When determining eligibility, initially include all applying and non-applying siblings under the age of 21 residing together in the household. In the event that a sibling has income and/or resources which renders the applicant(s) ineligible, the applicant has the right to exclude any applying or non-applying child(ren) with income and/or resources from the household count. This option must be explained to the applicant.

The choice of who is applying and who is counted in the household size is the A/R's.