

## GLOSSARY

**REAL PROPERTY** - Houses, condominiums, buildings and land including mineral, water and air rights.

**RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY (RHCF)** - A nursing home established and operated pursuant to Article 28 of the Public Health Law.

**RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (RTF)** - A medical facility certified by the State Office of Mental Health (OMH) which provides for long term psychiatric care for persons 21 years of age and younger.

**RESOURCE** - Property of all kinds including real and personal, tangible and intangible.

**RESOURCE LEVEL** - Allowable dollar amounts which an A/R is permitted to have in reserve and still be eligible for Medicaid.

**SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL DISTRESS** - Exceptional expenses that the community spouse cannot be expected to meet from the monthly maintenance needs allowance amounts or from amounts held in resources. Such expenses may be of a recurring nature or represent major one time costs. They may include, but are not limited to: recurring or extraordinary non-covered medical expenses of the community spouse or family members; amounts to preserve, maintain or make major repairs on the homestead; and amounts necessary to preserve an income-producing asset.

**SINGLES/CHILDLESS COUPLES (S/CC)** - Single individuals or members of childless married couples who are (1) at least age 21, but not yet 65; (2) not certified blind or certified disabled; (3) not pregnant; and (4) not caretaker relatives of children under age 21.

**SPENDDOWN** - The use of medical expenses to reduce available net income/resources in excess of the medically needy income/resources levels. Spenddown is only available to A/Rs whose eligibility is determined under the NYS medically needy income/resources levels. The A/R must submit paid or incurred bills equal to or greater than the amount of any excess. The A/R may also pay the amount of the excess income to the local district (Pay-In).

**SPOUSE** - A person married to an A/R (not a common law relationship). This includes married persons who are separated, but not divorced.

**STEPPARENT** - A person who is not a child's birth or adoptive parent, but is married to the child's birth or adoptive parent.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)**- A federally supported and administered benefit program for eligible individuals or couples who are 65 or over, or who, regardless of age, are certified blind or certified disabled.

**SSI-RELATED** - A medically needy Medicaid category for the aged, certified blind or certified disabled.

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**TEMPORARY ABSENCE** - A time when a person is absent from his/her permanent residence and is expected to return. Reasons for temporary absence may include employment, hospitalization, military service, vacation, education or visits. A period of temporary absence will be presumed to exist if:

- (a) the person is not an institutionalized spouse and returns to his/her permanent residence in the month in which s/he left or the following month;
- (b) a person without a community spouse is in an acute care hospital for six calendar months or less;
- (c) a person with a community spouse is expected to be in an acute care hospital for less than 30 consecutive days; or
- (d) a person with a community spouse is expected to receive home and community-based services provided pursuant to a waiver under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act for less than 30 consecutive days.

The presumptions set forth in (a) and (b) may be overcome by adequate evidence. Adequate medical evidence is required to overcome the presumptions set forth in (c) and (d).

**TITLE IV-E** - Title IV, Part E of the Social Security Act describes federal payments for foster care and adoption assistance. Title IV-E foster care reimbursement is provided for children who would have been categorically and financially eligible for the former ADC program in public assistance. Title IV-E Adoption Assistance reimbursement is provided for special needs children who would have been eligible under either the former ADC program of public assistance or who are eligible for SSI at the time the adoption petition is filed. Children who are Title IV-E eligible are eligible for Medicaid.

**TITLE XIX** - That portion of the federal Social Security Act which authorizes a joint federal/state Medicaid program.

**TRANSFER OF ASSETS** - A voluntary assignment of property for less than the fair market value of the property.

**TRUST FUNDS** - Fund held by one party (the trustee) for the benefit of a person (beneficiary) or group of persons. These funds are not owned by the beneficiary but are usually under the control of a trustee who must carry out the stipulated conditions for payments specified in the trust.

**UNDERGRADUATE** – *A student who has not received a bachelor’s degree.*

**WINDFALLS** - One time payments such as inheritances, court ordered settlements, lottery winnings and gifts.