

## INCOME

### **SSI-RELATED BUDGETING METHODOLOGY**

**Description:** New York State has contracted with the Social Security Administration so that eligibility for SSI generally means automatic eligibility for Medicaid. The SSI recipient does not need to file an application for Medicaid.

There is a group of people, however, who do not receive SSI but who meet the categorical requirements of the program. These persons are: aged (65 or over), certified blind, or certified disabled. Generally, these individuals must apply for Medicaid separately and have their eligibility determined by the local social services district where they live. In determining eligibility for these SSI-related persons, the SSI-related budgeting methodology is used. This methodology is patterned after the method used by the Social Security Administration to determine eligibility for SSI.

**Policy:** SSI-related budgeting is used to determine eligibility for those persons who are aged (65 or over), certified blind or certified disabled and not in receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Page 21 contains detailed information on this category of Medicaid.

SSI-related budgeting is used for Medicaid A/Rs for whom payment or part payment of the Medicare premiums, coinsurance and deductibles is made (see page 118).

***When determining eligibility for the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities, SSI-related budgeting, including allocation and deeming is used.***

Persons potentially eligible for COBRA continuation of their health insurance when employment ends and those applying for the **AIDS** Health Insurance Program have their income and resources budgeted in accordance with the SSI-related methodologies.

Disregards of income for SSI-related persons are discussed and listed on page 174 and the determination of eligibility for SSI-related persons is described on page 203.

**References:**

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| SSL Sect.  | 366   |
| Dept. Reg. | 360-3.3(a)(3)<br>360-3.3(b)(1) and (2)<br>360-4.2 |

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**Interpretation:**

SSI-related children are budgeted as a household of one, using their own income and any income deemed from their parent(s). SSI-related adults, who are unmarried or not living with a spouse, are budgeted as a household of one.

An SSI-related couple is budgeted as a household of two.

SSI-related adults, who reside with a non-SSI-related spouse, are budgeted as a household of two for income, unless the income of the non-SSI-related spouse (after allocation) is less than the difference between the Medicaid income level for a two-person household and the Medicaid income level for an individual. If it is below that amount, the non-SSI-related spouse and his/her income are not counted and the SSI-related person is budgeted as a household of one.

SSI-related adults who reside with a spouse of any category are always budgeted as a household of two for resources.

Persons in receipt of cash assistance (PA or SSI) are not considered in the household count nor are their income considered when determining income eligibility.

SSI-related budgeting takes the needs and income of other family members into consideration by the process of allocation and deeming. This process is discussed in detail in the sections that follow:

Allocation

Deeming