

**THE FOLLOWING RULE WILL BE REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY:
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~~0351 OVERVIEW OF MA~~

~~0351.05 MANUAL ORGANIZATION~~

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~~The basic policies and procedures to determine eligibility for Aged, Blind, or Disabled individuals or couples (SSI Related cases) are set forth in this section. Categorically Needy and Medically Needy SSI Related cases are subject to the income and resource methodologies and limits set forth within this section.~~

~~Each determination of eligibility (new, reopening or redetermination) requires a review of resources and income. Resources and income are also reviewed at the time of a reported change, or when information is received which indicates a change has occurred, or that unreported resources may exist. Certain information must be verified by a review of documentation, with copies of the documentation kept for the case file.~~

~~Sections 0350 through 0372 which follow set forth the policies and procedures which govern Medical Assistance eligibility for SSI Related individuals and couples living in community settings.~~

- ~~o The remainder of this section, OVERVIEW OF MA, briefly summarizes eligibility requirements and lists coverage groups applicable to individuals and couples;~~
- ~~o Section 0352, CHARACTERISTIC REQUIREMENTS, describes the SSI related characteristic requirements for an individual or member of a couple and the process of verification;~~
- ~~o Section 0354, RESOURCES GENERALLY, contains general provisions which apply to the evaluation of an applicant/recipient's resources — resource limits, definitions, how resources are distinguished from income, and policies governing the reduction of excess resources;~~
- ~~o Section 0356, EVALUATION OF RESOURCES, contains the First Moment of the Month (FOM) rule and the policies for evaluating specific types of resources;~~
- ~~o Section 0358, SSI RELATED DEEMING OF RESOURCES, defines resource deeming, and describes how deeming may impact the eligibility determination of a member of a couple and/or child;~~
- ~~o Section 0360, RESOURCE TRANSFERS, defines resource transfers and the conditions under which a prohibited transfer may result in a period of ineligibility for MA payment of long term care;~~
- ~~o Section 0362, INCOME GENERALLY, contains general provisions which apply to evaluation of an applicant/recipient's income — income limits, definitions;~~

- o ~~Section 0364, TREATMENT OF INCOME, contains the policies for evaluating specific types of earned and unearned income;~~
- o ~~Section 0366, SSI-RELATED INCOME DEEMING, defines income deeming and describes how income deeming may impact the eligibility determination of a member of a couple and/or child;~~
- o ~~Section 0368, FLEXIBLE TEST OF INCOME, contains the policies governing the spenddown of excess income to achieve Medically Needy MA eligibility;~~
- o ~~Section 0370, Categorically Needy AND Medically Needy COVERAGE GROUPS, describes the eligibility requirements and other specific provisions for the SSI-related coverage groups;~~
- o ~~Section 0372, SPECIAL TREATMENT COVERAGE GROUPS, describes the coverage provisions for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), Qualifying Individuals (QI-1 and QI-2), and Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI).~~

0351.10 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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~~To be eligible for Medical Assistance, an individual or couple must meet the program's technical, characteristic, financial and cooperation requirements. The required characteristics for an individual applying for MA are those of the SSI Program — age (65 or older), blindness, or disability.~~

~~To be financially eligible for MA as Categorically Needy, the individual or couple must have countable income and resources within SSI limits. Individuals eligible for and/or receiving SSI are automatically eligible for MA as Categorically Needy.~~

~~Medically Needy financial eligibility may be achieved if the individual or couple has income and resources within Medically Needy limits, or has spent down excess income on allowable medical expenses under an Income Flex Test.~~

~~Most MA eligible individuals and couples belong to an SSI-related coverage group. The term "SSI-related" refers to the methodology used for evaluating income and resources, and the standard to be met for MA eligibility. However, some individuals or couples may be eligible without utilizing a strictly SSI-related methodology.~~

~~These special treatment coverage groups include Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), Qualifying Individuals (QI-1 and QI-2) and Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) whose income is within a certain percentage of the Federal Poverty Level, and who meet the eligibility requirements of their respective coverage group.~~

0351.15 COVERAGE GROUPS

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The following is a summary listing of the Medical Assistance coverage groups applicable to individuals and couples. Following each listing is a reference to the specific section where the requirements of that particular coverage group may be found.

Categorically Needy SSI related Coverage Groups are:

- o ~~SSI related Recipients (0370.05)~~
- o ~~Deemed SSI Recipients Under 1619(b) of SSA (0370.10)~~
- o ~~Pickle Amendment Eligibles (0370.15)~~
- o ~~Disabled Children Receiving Care at Home (Katie Beckett) (0370.20)~~
- o ~~Disabled Adult Children (0370.25)~~
- o ~~SSI eligible Non-Cash Recipients (0370.30)~~
- o ~~SSI eligible but for MA Prohibited Rules (0370.35)~~
- o ~~State Supplement Recipients Based on 12/73 AABD (0370.40)~~
- o ~~Disabled Widowers SSI-ineligible Due to Actuarial Changes (0370.45)~~
- o ~~Protected Widowers Age 60 through 65 (0370.50)~~
- o ~~Disabled Widow(ers) and Surviving Divorced Spouses Who Lose SSI or SSP (0370.55)~~
- o ~~Disabled Children Receiving IV-E Adoption Subsidy (0370.60)~~
- o ~~Refugee Medical Assistance (0370.65)~~

Poverty Level SSI related Coverage Group:

- o ~~Low Income Aged and Disabled Individuals (0370.70)~~

Medically Needy SSI related Coverage Groups are:

- o ~~Aged, Blind or Disabled Individuals (0370.75.05)~~
- o ~~12/73 Blind or Disabled Individuals (0370.75.10)~~

Special Treatment Coverage Groups are:

- o ~~Qualified and Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (0372.05)~~
- o ~~Qualified Disabled Working Individual (0372.10)~~
- o ~~Qualifying Individual, QI 1 and QI 2 (0372.15)~~
- o ~~Title XV Coverage Group (0372.30)~~