INCOME

MEDICAID STANDARD

Policy: The Medicaid Standard is used to determine eligibility for Singles Childless Couples (SCC) and Low Income Family (LIF) categories.

> **NOTE**: See **REFERENCE** <u>MEDICALLY NEEDY INCOME</u> <u>LEVELS</u> for a chart displaying the Medicaid Levels and Standards and Federal Poverty Levels.

References: GIS 08 MA/022

Interpretation: Determine the A/R's household size and net available monthly income in accordance with the A/R's category. For A/Rs who are LIF or SCC, the net available income is compared to the Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart as appropriate).

Medically Needy A/Rs will have their net available monthly income compared to the Medically Needy Income level or the Medicaid Standard (and MBL Living Arrangement Chart as appropriate) whichever is most beneficial.

When the A/R resides in specified living arrangements, a water allowance and/or a special shelter amount is added to the Medicaid Standard. See **REFERENCE** MBL LIVING ARRANGEMENT CHART to determine when such items should be added to the Medicaid Standard.