## RESOURCES

## EXCESS RESOURCES

- **Description:** Countable resources in excess of the appropriate Medicaid level are considered available to meet the cost of medical care and services. The countable value of all resources is determined as of the first day of the month for which the applicant is requesting Medicaid coverage.
- **Policy:** ADC-related and SSI-related applicants, and applicants who are at least age 1 but under age 21 and not pregnant may be eligible for Medicaid coverage during a month in which their medical bills are equal to or greater than their excess resources.

**NOTE:** There is never a resource test for pregnant women and infants under age 1.

References: Dept. Reg. 360-4.8(b)

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Interpretation: An applicant's resources are evaluated as of the first day of the month for which s/he is requesting coverage. Certain resources are disregarded (See **RESOURCES** <u>MEDICAID RESOURCE</u> <u>LEVEL</u>) when determining eligibility for Medicaid. Countable resources are compared to the appropriate Medicaid level. With the exception of transfers of the community spouse resource allowance, countable resources possessed by the applicant on the first day of a month are considered available in that month, even if subsequently transferred.

When an S/CC, LIF, or Family Health Plus applicant has resources in excess of the appropriate level, s/he is ineligible until the first day of the month following the month in which the excess resources are reduced to the allowable level. Excess resources may be expended for medical or non-medical items. Generally excess resources cannot be transferred to another person (See **RESOURCES** <u>TRANSFER OF ASSETS ALL CATEGORIES</u>).