OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

LOW INCOME FAMILIES (LIF), ADC-RELATED, PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Description: For applicants in the Low Income Families (LIF) and ADC-related categories and pregnant women and children, the household/family size:

Must include:
- The applicant and applying family members
- Legally responsible relatives
  - Parents- The household of a parent with joint (equally shared) physical custody of their child who applies with his or her child(ren) includes both the parent and the child(ren). If the other parent in the second household with equally shared physical custody also applies for Medicaid, that household includes that parent and his or her children as well.
  - Stepparents when the stepparent has acknowledged that s/he is supporting the child. (See **OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE RELATIVES PARENTS AND CHILDREN STEP-PARENTS for more information on stepparents.)
  - Spouses

May include:
- Non applying siblings
- Non applying non-related children
- Applying related children (e.g. nieces)
- Applying care taker relatives (e.g. aunts, uncles, grandparents) if there is no parent in the household AND the designated caretaker relative has taken a parental role for the child. The caretaker relative must be applying and if there is more than one person eligible to be designated as a caretaker relative in the household, only one can be designated as the caretaker for Medicaid purposes (See **CATEGORICAL FACTORS** ADC-RELATED RELATIONSHIP OF CHILD TO CARETAKER RELATIVE).
- Unwed father of an unborn if paternity has been established AND he is making his income available to the pregnant woman
- Children under the age of 21 of applying adults
- Children eligible under Chaffee provisions
- Children in receipt of an adoption subsidy

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Must not include:
- Children and siblings over the age of 21
- SSI cash recipients
- Family Assistance/Safety Net Assistance cash recipients
- Unrelated foster care children
- Parents of pregnant minors
- Non-legally responsible relatives over age 21
- Unrelated household members (e.g. roommates)

Determining eligibility is a two-step process:
1. Count as many persons in the household as possible. If the child or the person seeking eligibility is not found eligible;
2. Remove the "May Counts" from the household of the applicant(s) and determine eligibility.

Policy: Medicaid may be authorized for an entire household or the portion of a household that is determined eligible. All persons in a household may apply on the same application, regardless of whether or not their eligibility is determined in the same budget/household.

References:

SSL Sect.	365
	366
Dept. Reg.	360-4.2
ADMs	OMM/ADM 97-2
	91 ADM-8
	90 ADM-9
	82 ADM-6
INFs	07 OHIP/INF-1
	90 INF-45
LCMs	95 LCM-106
GISs	00 MA/021
	00 MA/007

Interpretation: When determining eligibility, initially include all the Must counts and May counts in the household. In the event that the

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applicant(s) are not found eligible, the May Counts should be removed from the household. This option must be explained to the applicant. It is the A/R's choice of who is applying and who of the May Counts are counted in the household size.

A single individual under age 21 living separate and apart from his/her parents is a one-person household.

Disposition: Families with children under age 21 residing in the household, persons under age 21 living alone, and pregnant women may all be eligible under LIF. This group includes families without a deprivation factor as well as families with a deprivation.

The household size of a pregnant woman is increased by one to account for the additional needs associated with pregnancy.

Children not found eligible for Medicaid, must be referred to Child Health Plus for an eligibility determination.