

INCOME**INCOME LEVELS**

- Description:** Income levels are the amount of income a person or household can retain and still be eligible for Medicaid.
- Policy:** In determining eligibility for Medicaid, an A/R's net available income is compared to the appropriate Medicaid level. An A/R's income may be compared to more than one income level.
- References:**
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| SSL Sect. | 366
369-ee |
| Dept. Reg. | 352
360-4.3
360-4.6
360-4.7(b) |
| GISs | 05 MA/013
04 MA/031 |
- Interpretation:** The amount of the income level increases as the size of the household increases. Persons who are ADC-related, SSI-related, under 21, pregnant, stepparents, and/or fathers of unborns with no children of their own in the household are allowed the Medicaid income level or the Public Assistance Standard of Need, whichever, is higher. Pregnant women and children under age 19 are allowed the Medicaid expanded levels (***federal poverty levels***). ***Family Health Plus, Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities, Medicare Savings Program and Family Planning Benefit Program A/Rs are allowed the applicable percentage of the federal poverty level.***
- Disposition:** Net available income is compared to the appropriate income level to determine eligibility for Medicaid. For some persons, income in excess of the level is available to meet the cost of medical care and services as determined according to Department regulations. (See page 239 for treatment of excess income.)

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The following subjects are covered in this section:

- Medically Needy Income Level
- **Federal Poverty Levels (FPL)**
 - **Medicaid Expanded Levels**
 - **Medicare Savings Program**
 - **Family Health Plus (FHPlus)**
 - **Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)**
 - **Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD). See page 209.1 for the federal poverty level allowed for MBI-WPD A/Rs.**
- Public Assistance Standard of Need.

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INCOME**MEDICALLY NEEDED INCOME LEVEL**

Policy: The medically needy income level is used to determine eligibility for all categories except S/CC and LIF. (See page 121 for Public Assistance Standard of Need.)

Note: See page 120.3 for a chart displaying the Medicaid Levels and Federal Poverty Levels.

References:

SSL Sect.	365 366
Dept. Reg.	360-4.3 360-4.6 360-4.7(b)
ADM	98 OMM/ADM-6
GIS	04 MA/031

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 ADC-related, SSI-related, under 21, pregnant, stepparents, and/or fathers of unborns with no children of their own in the household the net available income is compared to the medically needy income level or the PA Standard of Need (see page 121), whichever is higher.