

**OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS  
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

**LOW INCOME FAMILIES (LIF)**

**Description:** *For applicants in the Low Income Families (LIF) category, the household may include the applicant, legally responsible relatives and all applying and non-applying children/siblings under the age of 21 residing together in the household. The household may also include a caretaker relative as defined by ADC. (See pages 6 and 7 for a definition of caretaker relative.) If the household is ineligible as a unit, eligibility is determined according to lines of legal responsibility.*

*The stepparent and his/her income are counted in determining eligibility when the stepparent acknowledges that s/he is supporting the child. (See pages 440-442 for more information on stepparents.)*

*Although parents are legally responsible for their children and stepchildren, the income and resources of the parent or stepparent are not considered in the determination of eligibility for a pregnant minor. The non-applying or ineligible parents of a pregnant minor are not included in the pregnant minor's household size.*

*Family Assistance/Safety Net and SSI recipients are invisible when determining eligibility.*

**Policy:** *Medicaid may be authorized for an entire household or the portion of a household that is eligible.*

**References:**

SSL Sect.	365 366
Dept. Reg.	360-4.2
ADMs	OMM/ADM 97-2 82 ADM-6
<b>GISs</b>	<b>00 MA/021</b> <b>00 MA/007</b>

**OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS****LOW INCOME FAMILIES (LIF)****Interpretation:**

*When determining eligibility, initially include all applying and non-applying siblings under the age of 21 residing together in the household. In the event that a sibling has income and/or resources which renders the applicant(s) ineligible, the applicant has the right to exclude any applying or non-applying child(ren) with income and/or resources from the household count. This option must be explained to the applicant. It is the A/R's choice of who is applying and who is counted in the household size, when no legal responsibility of the individual who may be excluded exists for any other applying household member.*

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

**Disposition:**

Families with children under 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.