Medicaid State Plan Eligibility
Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

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Certain individuals who were eligible in the 1970s and 1980s and continue to qualify under specified requirements.

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The state covers mandatory individuals who were previously eligible for Medicaid in the 1970s or 1980s and continue to meet the eligibility requirements. These individuals are described in one or more of the following sections A through F.

A. Individuals Receiving Mandatory State Supplements

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must be receiving mandatory state supplements.
B. Individuals Who Are Essential Spouses

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet all of the following criteria:

1. In December, 1973 were eligible for Medicaid as essential spouses;

2. Have continued to live with and be essential to the well-being of an individual who continues to meet the eligibility requirements for one of the cash assistance programs under OAA, AB, APTD, or AABD; and

3. Continue to meet the December, 1973 criteria that applied in determining the amount of the cash payment.
C. Institutionalized Individuals Continuously Eligible Since 1973

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Were eligible for Medicaid in December, 1973 as inpatients of medical institutions or residents of intermediate care facilities participating in Medicaid;

2. For each consecutive month after December, 1973, continue to meet the requirements for Medicaid eligibility in effect under the state plan in December, 1973 for institutionalized individuals, and remain institutionalized; and

3. Are determined by the state or a professional standards review organization to continue to need institutional care.
D. Individuals Eligible in 1973 Who Have Blindness or a Disability

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Meet all the current Medicaid eligibility requirements, except for blindness and disability;
2. Were eligible for Medicaid in December, 1973 as blind or disabled; and
3. Continue to meet the December, 1973 criteria for Medicaid.
E. Individuals Who Lost Eligibility for SSI/SSP Due to an Increase in OASDI Benefits in 1972

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Were entitled to and receiving cash assistance in August, 1972, or would have been eligible had they applied or not been institutionalized (and the state covered these optional groups); and

2. Would currently be eligible for SSI or state supplement, except for the increase in OASDI under Public Law No. 92-336.
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F. Disabled Widows and Widowers Ineligible for SSI due to Increase in OASDI

1. Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet all of the following criteria:
   a. Are disabled widows or widowers who are deemed to be SSI or state supplement beneficiaries.
   b. Became ineligible for SSI or state supplement as a result of the elimination of the reduction factor required by section 134 of Public. Law No. 98-21.
   c. Would be eligible for SSI or state supplement, except for the increase under Public Law No. 98-21 and subsequent cost-of-living increases in widow's or widower's benefits under section 215(i) of the Act.
   d. Filed a written application for Medicaid on or before June 30, 1988.

2. Individuals receiving only state supplement qualify for this group.
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

   a. The state does not make state supplementary payments.
   b. The state does make state supplement payments but has elected not to provide Medicaid eligibility on the basis of the receipt of such optional state supplement.

3. SSI Methodologies are used in calculating household income.
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