

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

STATE OF COLORADO

- Medically Needy under 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III).
- All aged, blind or disabled groups in 209(b) states under 1902(f).
- QMBs, SLMBs and QIs under 1905(p).

MORE LIBERAL METHODS OF TREATING INCOME
UNDER SECTION 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) OF THE ACT

The agency uses more liberal income methodologies than the SSI program in determining whether a family meets the income standard of 450% of FPL for the following groups:

TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group- Individuals with a disability at least 16 but less than 65 years of age whose income and resources do not exceed a standard established by the State.

The income exclusions in addition to standard SSI methodology are as follows:

- a. One third of child support for the applicant/recipient child from an absent parent must be disregarded;
- b. The first \$400 of gross monthly earnings, not to exceed \$1620 in a calendar year, shall be exempt from consideration as earned income of a disabled or blind child who is a student regularly attending school.

*More liberal methods may not result in exceeding gross income limitations under Section 1903 (f).

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The agency uses more liberal income methodologies than the SSI program in determining whether a family meets the income standard of 300% of FPL for the following groups.

- X Family Opportunity Act - Children who have not attained 19 years of age, who would be considered disabled under Section 1614(a)(3)(C) of the Act, and whose family income meets the 300% of federal poverty level standard described on Page 12p of the Attachment 2.6-A.

Since the eligibility income limit is substantially higher than the SSI limit and the Department disregards 33% of household income, the income methodology described here is no more restrictive than the SSI disregards.

The Income Methodologies are as follows:

The gross amount of earned and unearned income is countable toward eligibility and premium payment, with the following exclusions:

- a. Deduct the employment expense disregard of \$90; and
- b. Deduct dependent care disregard.
- c. The unearned income disregard described in this section shall be applied to the total amount received for each individual
 - i. The first \$50 per household per month of any current monthly obligation shall be disregarded. Monthly support includes child support, and/or maintenance, and/or alimony. The disregard shall be divided among each person that receives the monthly support.
- d. A disregard of 33% shall be taken from the family's net countable income.

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2. Parents/caretaker relatives, pregnant women, and children under age 20 who would be eligible for AFDC if their work-related child care costs were paid from earnings rather than by a State Agency under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(II)
Methodologies less restrictive than AFDC

In determining countable income, the agency disregards the income difference by the family size in the amount of the AFDC payment standard and 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (as revised annually in the Federal Register) plus \$1 using all AFDC income counting methodologies except the 185% of the need standard income test, the \$30 plus 1/3 earned income disregard for the first 4 months, and the \$30 disregard for 8 calendar months following the 4 consecutive months of \$30 plus 1/3 disregard.

3. Qualified pregnant women and children under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III)
Methodologies less restrictive than AFDC

In determining countable income, the agency disregards the income difference by the family size in the amount of the AFDC payment standard and 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (as revised annually in the Federal Register) plus \$1 using all AFDC income counting methodologies except the 185% of the need standard income test, the \$30 plus 1/3 earned income disregard for the first 4 months, and the \$30 disregard for 8 calendar months following the 4 consecutive months of \$30 plus 1/3 disregard.

4. Parents/caretaker relatives, pregnant women, and children under age 20 who would be eligible for AFDC if they were not in a medical institution under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV)
Methodologies less restrictive than AFDC

In determining countable income, the agency disregards the income difference by the family size in the amount of the AFDC payment standard and 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (as revised annually in the Federal Register) plus \$1 using all AFDC income counting methodologies except the 185% of the need standard income test, the \$30 plus 1/3 earned income disregard for the first 4 months, and the \$30 disregard for 8 calendar months following the 4 consecutive months of \$30 plus 1/3 disregard.

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5. Poverty-level related pregnant women, infants, and children under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV), (VI)(VII) and (ii)(IX),
Methodologies less restrictive than AFDC

In determining countable income, the agency uses all AFDC income counting methodologies except the 185% of the need standard income test and any more liberal income methodologies specified for these eligibility groups in Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A.

6. Poverty-level related children aged 6 through 18 under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII)

The agency disregards household income between 100% and 133% of the federal poverty level FPL for the appropriate family size as published in the Federal Register

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