

Family Support Division

INCOME MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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0850.000.00 INDIVIDUALS QUALIFYING UNDER SECTION 1619 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Sections 1619 A and B of the Social Security Act allow certain disabled individuals who have lost SSI eligibility due to income from employment to remain Title XIX (Medicaid) eligible. Section 1619 individuals continue to meet the SSI disability requirements.

0850.005.00 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MA BASED ON SECTION 1619 STATUS

To qualify for Medical Assistance based on Section 1619 status the following eligibility requirements must be met:

SSA 1619 Status

Title XIX Eligibility in the Month Prior to Attaining SSA 1619 Status

Resources

Financial Need

0850.005.05 SSA 1619 STATUS

The Social Security Administration (SSA) determines who meets SSA 1619 eligibility criteria. SSA will notify State Office of individuals eligible for 1619 status. SSA also notifies the claimant that s/he is 1619 eligible.

If a claimant notifies the worker that s/he is SSA 1619 eligible, obtain verification from SSA of the date the claimant attained 1619 status so the worker can determine whether the individual received Medicaid in the month immediately preceding the month 1619 status was obtained. If the worker is unable to obtain the information from SSA, send an e-mail to the IM Program and Policy Unit. Include on the e-mail the claimant's name, DCN, Social Security number and month employment began.

NOTE: Send an e-mail to the IM Program and Policy unit to verify 1619 status prior to closing an MA case when a SSI claimant becomes employed.

0850.005.10 TITLE XIX ELIGIBILITY IN THE MONTH PRIOR TO ATTAINING SSA 1619 STATUS

The claimant must have received Title XIX in the month immediately preceding the month of attaining SSA 1619 status.

If the claimant did not receive Title XIX in the month immediately preceding attaining SSA 1619 status, the claimant is not eligible for Title XIX under 1619 criteria. Determine continued eligibility in accordance with the December 1973 eligibility factors.

0850.005.15 RESOURCES

The Section 1619 resource maximums are the same as the SSI resource maximums. Currently, the SSI resource maximums are:

Single \$2,000

Married \$3,000

Consider as resources anything that is considered available under the December 1973 eligibility requirements for aged and disabled persons. Refer to [Section 1030.000.00](#). Consider the resources of both spouses when determining eligibility under this factor.

0850.005.20 FINANCIAL NEED

SSA establishes a "threshold amount" for each state to determine income eligibility for 1619 individuals. SSA only uses gross earned income to determine eligibility under 1619 criteria.

The threshold amount is only used by DFS to identify 1619 cases in the IMU5 system. When determining continued Medicaid eligibility, there is no income limit for claimant's who are granted SSA 1619 status.

As of January 1, 2005, the current monthly threshold amount for Missouri is \$2,223.33.

If an individual is SSA 1619 eligible, do not consider the income of other household members.

If each spouse is SSA 1619 eligible, consider each spouse an individual case.

If only one spouse is SSA 1619 eligible, and the other is applying/receiving MA, consider the income and medical expenses of the 1619 individual in determining eligibility for the non-1619 spouse.

If the gross earned income is greater than the threshold amount, reduce the gross earned income to \$1.00 less than the threshold amount.

0850.010.00 CASE PROCESSING PROCEDURES SECTION 1619 STATUS CASES

If a claimant is determined eligible for Medicaid under 1619 criteria, the worker will:

Record the information obtained about SSA 1619 status, income and resource verification in the case record.

Complete the MA budget worksheet (IM-30A). Enter the threshold amount on Line 15 of the IM-30A. Enter the claimant's gross earned income (or \$1.00 less than the threshold amount) on Line 14 of the IM-30A. 1619 claimants are NOT entitled to any deductions from gross income.

Enter an IMU5 transaction indicating:

A "T" level of care and a reason code of "O" in field 13G2. Enter a new Title XIX begin date when changing an active MA case to Section 1619 Status.

The threshold amount in Field 33 (Line 15 of the IM-30A).

The gross earned income (or \$1.00 less than the threshold amount) in Field 34 (Line 14 of the IM-30A).

The deficit in Field 35.

The gross income in Field 41.

Send the claimant a Notice of Case Action (IM-33) indicating s/he is eligible under 1619 criteria.

Notify the IM Program and Policy Unit that the individual is receiving Title XIX under 1619 criteria.

0850.015.00 REVIEWS (Section 1619 Status Cases)

Reviews of MA Section 1619 Status cases are to be done annually. The requirement is the same as for other MA cases. Refer to [Section 0840.005.00](#).

0850.020.00 INDIVIDUALS LOSING SSA 1619 STATUS

State Office will notify county offices when a claimant loses SSA 1619 status. When notified, the worker will:

Follow pre-closing ex-parte procedures in [Section 0840.015.05](#) to determine eligibility for other Medicaid categories.

If the case remains eligible as a non-spenddown, record the information in the case record and enter an IMU5 transaction with the updated information from the budget (IM-30A).

If the case becomes spenddown, follow the instructions in [Section 0840.010.10](#).

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