
BUDGETING FOR AT-HOME ELIGIBILITY

BUDGETING PROCESS

A. GENERAL

A comparison of income to the appropriate need standard unique to the at-home coverage group the client is applying for or otherwise qualifies for, is known as budgeting.

The first step of the budgeting procedure is to determine the coverage group. Medicaid coverage groups are those categories of individuals designated in the State Plan who qualify for Medicaid and for whom Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is available. To be eligible for Medicaid in Mississippi an individual must have his eligibility determined using the criteria for a particular coverage group. Regional Office staff have budgeting responsibility for the MAO coverage groups described in Section G.

This section describes budgeting procedures for individuals who live "at-home." Specifically, those groups known as:

- SSI Retro determinations
- Former SSI Recipients
- MAO "At-Home" Coverage Groups
- MAO Long Term Care "At-Home" Coverage Groups

Budgeting procedures for MAO Long Term Care coverage groups are outlined in the "Institutionalization" section since Long-Term Care budgeting procedures must be used for these groups.