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**MAO COVERAGE GROUPS/CRITERIA FOR THE AGED & DISABLED**

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**FORMER SSI RECIPIENTS**

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**A. GENERAL  
DESCRIPTION**

The following coverage groups are limited to individuals who once qualified for SSI and SSI-related Medicaid but who lost SSI eligibility either due to title II (Social Security) benefits and/or cost of living adjustments.

To preserve Medicaid coverage for certain groups of individuals who lose SSI payments, Congress enacted special Medicaid continuation provisions. These provisions require State Medicaid agencies to continue to consider specified groups of former SSI recipients as SSI recipients for Medicaid purposes, as long as they would otherwise be eligible for SSI payments. In addition, Medicaid is required to determine if the individual would be eligible for Medicaid under any other group.

An applicant for any of the following coverage groups must meet all SSI eligibility criteria. These groups are entitled to specific income disregards; however, countable income and resources can only be evaluated using SSI need standards and resource policy/limits. If evaluating eligibility under any other coverage group other than the ones cited below, the income disregards specific to the former SSI group do not apply.