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**B. HR-1 GROUP**

This group of eligibles is referred to as HR-1 because this is the designation of the House of Representatives bill which amended the Social Security Act. This bill required that all persons who were eligible for and receiving Medicaid in August, 1972, and were entitled to Social Security benefits as of that month, must be certified for Medicaid if the only reason for their current ineligibility is the 20% increase made in the Social Security checks for September, 1972.

This does not mean that the 20% increase in SSA benefits received in August, 1972, terminated the client's Medicaid eligibility. It only means that the 20% increase received in September, 1972 will be disregarded in order to determine current eligibility for Medicaid, provided the client is determined to be in the HR-1 group.

**1. Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for HR-1 Medicaid benefits, an individual must meet all three of the following conditions:

- Have been eligible for and receiving Medicaid benefits in the month of August, 1972.
- Have received RSDI benefits for the month of August, 1972. The benefits may have been awarded retroactively.
- Must be eligible for Medicaid using current SSI eligibility requirements when the 1972 20% increase in Social Security benefits is disregarded.

**2. Restrictions**

The only individuals who can be considered for Medicaid under the HR-1 coverage group are the ones who meet the criteria outlined above. If a couple applies under the HR-1 provision and only one member of the couple is eligible for and entitled to the HR-1 disregard, it is not possible to bring the ineligible spouse into eligibility even though the spouse may be aged, blind, or disabled.

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No individual or couple can remain eligible or obtain eligibility for Medicaid as a HR-1 recipient if the individual's or couple's income, including the disregarded 1972 20% increase in Social Security, is less than the current SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) appropriate for the case. Persons with total income less than the appropriate FBR are potentially eligible for SSI and should be advised to apply for SSI. Eligibility for Medicaid as a MAO recipient is precluded for these individual's because they do not belong to any MAO coverage group.