
MAO COVERAGE GROUPS/CRITERIA FOR THE AGED & DISABLED

FORMER SSI RECIPIENTS

**D. COBRA
WIDOW(ER)S**

In 1983 Congress amended title II and eliminated the "Additional Reduction Factor" for widow(er)s younger than age 60. This increased title II benefits for some widow(er)s causing SSI ineligibility. The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) amended the Social Security Act to restore Medicaid eligibility for these widow(er)s.

The Social Security Administration identified the affected widow(er)s in Mississippi and the affected individuals were notified to apply. This coverage group is limited to the individuals identified by SSA. The deadline for filing for Medicaid existed between July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988. No new eligibles are possible under this coverage group.