## MAO COVERAGE GROUPS/CRITERIA FOR THE AGED & DISABLED FORMER SSI RECIPIENTS

## E. DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN (DAC'S)

Section 6 of P.L. 99-654, The Employment Opportunities for Disabled Americans Act, specifies that effective July 1, 1987, when SSI recipients become ineligible for SSI because of entitlement to, or an increase in, title II disabled adult child (DAC) benefits, Medicaid eligibility must continue if these individuals continue to meet SSI criteria except for the change in their title II benefit.

## 1. Eligibility Criteria

The law applies to individuals who are:

- over 18, and
- received SSI after July 1, 1987, and
- became disabled before age 22, and
- receives or begins receiving child's insurance benefits, i.e., receives benefits from a parent's record

When the child's insurance (DAC) benefits either begin or increase and this results in SSI termination for the individual, then Medicaid continuation as a DAC is possible if eligibility for SSI continues on all factors other than income. The DAC will be entitled to a disregard of either the increase in DAC benefits or the full amount of DAC benefits, whichever caused SSI termination.

## 2. SDX Notification

SSA has the responsibility to notify States about members of this group through the SDX, The "Medicaid Eligibility Code" field of SDX will contain a "D" for individuals potentially eligible for DAC status. Affected individuals are advised to apply for Medicaid when their SSI eligibility is terminated.