
BUDGETING FOR AT-HOME ELIGIBILITY
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**C. BUDGETING
FOR MAO
LONG TERM
CARE "AT-HOME"
COVERAGE
GROUPS**

The following MAO coverage groups are generally considered to be living "at-home" as opposed to an institution; however, each group is budgeted using Long term Care criteria:

- An Institutional Budget, DOM-336, is used to test the client's own income against the institutional income need standard.
- There is no deeming of spousal or parental income in any of these groups.
- The client's own total income cannot equal or exceed the institutional limit. There are no income exclusions or disregards that apply to the client's own income unless the income is the type that cannot be considered income (for example, VA Aid & Attendance).
- There is no "Medicaid Income" payable toward the cost of care for these "at-home" LTC client cases.

**1. Disabled
Children
Living At-Home**

DCLH budgeting is based on the child's own income compared to the institutional income limit. There is no deeming of parental income in any month of eligibility.

2. Hospice

For hospice clients who are not otherwise eligible for full Medicaid benefits at-home (SSI, AFDC, PLAD), Hospice budgeting is based on the client's own income compared to the institutional income limit.

There is no deeming of spousal income to the Hospice eligible even if they live together in the same household. However, only the Hospice eligible is entitled to LTC income rules. If the non-Hospice spouse wishes to apply for Medicaid, he/she is treated as a member of a couple whereby total income of both spouses is combined.

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There is no Medicaid Income calculated for a Hospice eligible.

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**3. HCBS
Waiver
For the
Physically
Handicapped**

For those not otherwise eligible for Medicaid as an SSI recipient, HCBS for the Physically Handicapped budgeting is based on the client's own income compared to the institutional income limit.

There is no deeming of spousal income to the Handicapped eligible even if they live together in the same household. However, only the Handicapped eligible is entitled to LTC income rules. If the non-Handicapped spouse wishes to apply for Medicaid, he/she is treated as a member of a couple whereby total income of both spouses is combined.

There is no Medicaid Income calculated for a HCBS Handicapped eligible.

**Policy
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Effective 07-01-2000, if the non-Handicapped spouse wishes to apply for Medicaid, he/she is treated as an individual. Budgeting is based on the non-Handicapped spouse's income only.