
INSTITUTIONALIZATION

RESOURCE/INCOME COMPUTATIONS-NON SI RULES

**B. INCOME &
RESOURCE
POLICY FOR
COUPLES
PRIOR TO
SI POLICY**

The income and resource rules specified below apply to individuals who applied for Medicaid prior to 10-01-89. The resource policy specified below continues to apply to individuals institutionalized (for 30-consecutive days or longer) prior to 09-30-89 who remain institutionalized.

**1. Eligible
Couples**

a. One at home, one in an institution

(1) Deeming of income ceases the month after the month of separation. The institutionalized spouse is treated as an individual for income purposes effective with the first full month of institutionalization.

(2) Resources are combined for the first 6 months following the month the couple no longer live together in the same household. An institution is not considered a household. The couple resource limit is used during the 6 month period.

b. Both are in an institution, same facility or different facilities

(1) Income and resources are combined for 6 full months following the month of entry into an institution. The couple resource and income limit applies.

(2) Effective with the 7th month, each member of the couple is treated as an individual for income and resource purposes. The individual income and resource limit applies.

(3) If a couple is ineligible as a couple for income or resource purposes, it is possible to test one member of the couple as an individual with no deeming of income or resources from the ineligible spouse effective with the first full month of institutionalization.

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**2. Eligible
With An
Ineligible
Spouse**

These rules apply regardless of living arrangements.

- a. The eligible is treated as an individual for income and resource purposes effective the month after the month the couple no longer share the same household.
- b. Consider only the resources owned by the eligible or his/her proportionate share of a jointly owned resource.