

C. THE NEEDS GROUP

Countable income and assets of the Income Group are compared to the limit for the number of persons in the Needs Group to determine financial eligibility. The Needs Group is not used to determine whose income to count or whose medical expenses to use to meet the spenddown. See item B and Chapter 10. The number of persons included in the Needs Group depends on the AG member. Only individuals who reside with the AG member(s) are counted.

NOTE: Recipients of SSI, whether they are adults or children, are not included in the Needs Group.

1. Parent(s)

The NG of the parent includes:

- The parent(s)
- The spouse of the parent described above, even when the spouse is not a parent of the children, regardless of the spouse's Medicaid status, except SSI
- **All dependent** children of the parent(s) and the parent's spouse and all of the blood-related siblings of the dependent children living in the home, regardless of the children or siblings' Medicaid status, except SSI
- When the parent is a minor living with his parent(s), the minor's parent(s) is also included in the NG, regardless of his Medicaid status, except SSI.

2. Child(ren)

The NG of the child includes:

- The dependent child
- The natural or adoptive parent(s) of the dependent child, regardless of the Medicaid status of the parent(s), except SSI
- The blood-related siblings of the dependent child, regardless of the siblings' Medicaid status, except SSI
- The natural or adoptive parent(s) of the minor parent(s), regardless of the Major Parent(s)' Medicaid status, except SSI.

- **The following individuals, when a non-parent caretaker relative of the eligible child is included in the AG:**
 - **The included non-parent caretaker relative**
 - **The spouse of the included non-parent caretaker relative, regardless of Medicaid status, except SSI**
 - **All dependent children of the included non-parent caretaker relative and the caretaker's spouse and all of the blood-related siblings of these children who live in the home, regardless of Medicaid status, except SSI Medicaid**

3. Non-Parent Caretaker Who Chooses To Be Included

The NG of the caretaker consists of:

- The **non-parent** caretaker relative
- The spouse of the **non-parent** caretaker relative, regardless of his Medicaid status, except SSI
- **All dependent** children of the **non-parent** caretaker and the **non-parent** caretaker's spouse and all of their blood-related siblings **who live** in the home, regardless of the Medicaid status, except SSI.
- **The child(ren) upon whom the non-parent caretaker's eligibility is based.**

4. A Minor Parent (mp) Living With A Major Parent (MP)

NOTE: A minor parent (mp) is a parent under the age of 18, regardless of completion of school or training.

Cases involving an mp require special consideration, only because a variable, not present in other cases, exists, i.e., there are two parental groups in the family. The first parental unit is the MP(s), and the second is the mp. Any of the following combinations of eligible people are possible.

- mp + child
- MP + mp + child
- MP + mp

See Section 9.4,A,4 to determine the treatment of an mp as a dependent child or a caretaker relative. The composition of her NG is determined based on who makes an application for whom, and the mp's treatment in the AG.

a. When the AG Includes the mp and the Child

(1) The mp's NG

The mp's NG is composed of the MP(s) and the mp and the mp's child(ren) who live with her.

(2) The Child's NG

The child's NG is composed of the mp, the child, and the child's blood-related siblings who live with him.