

**NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**

All Medicaid coverage groups listed in Chapter 16 are full Medicaid coverage groups, unless there is a statement specifically to the contrary.

Medically Needy individuals must be receiving a Medicaid card to be determined eligible under this provision.

Those Medically Needy individuals who have no spenddown meet the requirement of Medicaid eligibility. Those who meet their spenddowns prior to the need for nursing facility care, have met the requirement of being eligible, through the current POE. After the POE during which nursing facility services begin, the client's situation is treated according to item 3 or 4 below. Those who do not meet their spenddowns prior to the need for nursing facility care are treated according to item 3 or 4 below.

When an applicant is not a recipient of full Medicaid coverage, the following test is made to determine eligibility

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## 3. Gross Income Test

If the client is not eligible under items 1 or 2 above, Medicaid eligibility may be established as follows:

- Determine the client's gross non-excluded monthly income.
- Compare the income to 300% of the current maximum SSI payment for one person.

To be Medicaid eligible, his income must be equal to or less than 300% of the SSI payment.

Once Medicaid eligibility is established in this manner, the client's contribution toward his cost of care is determined in the post-eligibility process. There is no spenddown amount for persons determined eligible in this way.

**EXAMPLE:** When the current maximum SSI payment is \$674, the client's gross, non-excluded monthly income is compared to \$2,022.

**NOTE:** SSI-Related Medicaid disability and asset guidelines must be met.

**Certain individuals who meet the gross income test but are ineligible for Medicaid due to being over the allowable asset limit, may be eligible for the LTCIP Asset Disregard. See Section 17.10.**

## 4. SSI-Related Medicaid Test

If the client is not eligible under items 1, 2 or 3 above, his eligibility as an SSI-Related Medicaid client must be explored as another way to receive financial assistance for the cost of nursing facility services.

All policies and procedures in effect for other SSI-Related cases apply to these cases, including the determination of a spenddown amount, if applicable.