

**16.7 CATEGORICALLY NEEDY, OPTIONAL**

**NOTE:** No Categorically Needy coverage group is subject to a spenddown provision.

**A. INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES UNDER TITLE XIX WAIVERS (MALH, MALM)**

**Income: 300% SSI Payment Level**

**Assets: \$2,000**

The Department has elected to provide Medicaid to individuals who would be eligible for Medicaid if institutionalized and who would require institutionalization were it not for the availability of home and community-based services. To qualify, an individual may be elderly/disabled, mentally retarded/ developmentally disabled, **or have a traumatic brain injury**. Cost effectiveness plays a role in eligibility.

Details about the HCB Waiver (elderly/disabled), MR/DD Waiver (mentally retarded/developmentally disabled) **and TBI Waiver (Traumatic Brain Injury)** are found in Chapter 17.

**B. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN IV-E**

**Income: N/A**

**Assets: N/A**

Special-needs children under age 21 who have State adoption assistance agreements (other than those under Title IV-E) in effect and who cannot be placed for adoption without Medicaid coverage are eligible for Medicaid.

This coverage group is the responsibility of Social Services and the medical card is produced by the FACTS system. The Income Maintenance staff has no responsibilities related to this coverage group.

**C. FOSTER CARE OTHER THAN IV-E**

**Income: N/A**

**Assets: N/A**

Persons who receive foster care payments through the Department, but from a funding source other than Title IV-E, receive a medical card for the foster child only. This is provided by Social Services and is produced by the FACTS system. The Income Maintenance staff has no responsibilities related to this coverage group.

**D. CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CDCS) (MALC)**

**Income: 300% SSI Payment Level**

**Assets: \$2,000**