

16.8 MEDICALLY NEEDED, MANDATORY - FOR FAMILIES AND/OR CHILDREN

NOTE: Medically Needed coverage groups are subject to a spenddown provision.

A. CONTINUOUSLY ELIGIBLE NEWBORN CHILDREN (CEN), MEDICALLY NEEDED (MN)

NOTE: See Section 16.5.I for Categorically Needed CEN coverage.

Income: N/A

Assets: N/A

The newborn child (birth - 12 months) of a Medically Needed-eligible woman is eligible for Medicaid until the end of the month during which he reaches age 1, under the same guidelines as the newborn child of a Categorically Needed-eligible woman. See Section 16.5.I.

To be considered a Medically Needed-eligible woman, the mother must not have had a spenddown, or must have met the spenddown prior to the birth of the newborn.

B. AFDC-RELATED MEDICAID (MAOR, MAOU, NAOR, NAOU)

Income: MNIL

Possible Spenddown

Assets: \$2,000 - 1 person
\$3,000 - 2 people
Increases **\$50** for
each coverage
group member

Parents or Other Caretaker Relatives and dependent children and pregnant women are eligible for Medicaid when all of the AFDC-Related Medicaid eligibility requirements are met except as follows:

- No AFDC-Related case is denied due only to excess income. Instead, incurred medical bills are deducted from the family's income for the 6-month Period of Consideration. This process is called spenddown and details of this procedure are in Chapter 10.
- There is no work registration or participation requirements.
- Eligibility and the amount of the spenddown, if any, is determined using the Medically Needed Income Level (MNIL), not the cash assistance payment level. The level of the MNIL is determined by each state, according to federal guidelines. By law, the MNIL cannot exceed 133% of the State's cash assistance payment level, rounded to the nearest \$100, for a family of the same size.

NOTE: Individual family members may be eligible for SSI-Related Medicaid as aged, blind or disabled. Refer to Chapter 12. The Worker must take the action that will most benefit the client.