

16.10 MEDICALLY NEEDY, OPTIONAL - FOR FAMILIES AND/OR CHILDREN (MAOR, MAOU, NAOR, NAOU)**Income: See 16.8,B****Assets: See 16.8,B**

Only children under 19, who would be eligible for Categorically Needy Medicaid, except that countable income/assets are too high, are required to be covered under AFDC-Related Medicaid. However, West Virginia has elected to cover caretaker relatives of such children.

Even though coverage for caretaker relatives is optional, the caretaker relative(s) and the dependent children for whom they care, are treated as a family unit according to Section 16.8,B.

NOTE: An AG which meets a spenddown remains eligible until the end of the POC in the following situations, regardless of whether or not the individual is an AG member.

- A member(s) of the Income Group experiences an increase in income; or
- An individual(s) with income is added to the Income Group; or
- An individual(s) is removed from the Needs Group