

AGED, BLIND, AND DISABLED MEDICAID 201-2

Pickle Eligibility

Supersedes: MA 201-3 (01/01/08)

Reference: ARM 37.82.101, .903 and 42 CFR 435.135

Overview: Pickle eligible individuals and couples receive Medicaid with no spend down. Pickle criteria or eligibility does not qualify an individual for an additional level of coverage such as nursing home, waiver or Medicare Savings Programs. To qualify for Pickle coverage, the client/couple must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Currently receiving Social Security benefits; and
2. Have countable resources within the categorically needy resource limit (CMA 001); and
3. Were concurrently eligible for both Social Security benefits and SSI or SSP at any time since April 1977; and
4. Lost SSI/SSP eligibility for any reason; and
5. Have countable income not exceeding the amount in the Pickle Table (ABD 011).

COUPLES:

Both members of an eligible couple must meet Pickle eligibility for either individual to qualify for Pickle coverage. **NOTE:** When determining Pickle When for a couple, the earliest SSI/SSP end date is used for both spouses' eligibility.

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