# AGED, BLIND, AND DISABLED MEDICAID 008
# Table of Standards-Categorically Needy Income

**Supersedes:** ABD 008 (01/01/2022)

**Reference:** 20 CFR 416.410 & .412, 42 CFR 435.601(b) and (d)(2); ARM 37.82.101

**Overview:** Effective January 1, 2023, use the following standards to determine resource and income eligibility for categorically needy coverage.

**INCOME STANDARDS:**

Individual living in the community .....$914

Couple living in the community..... $1371

Individual living in an institution .....$30

The Categorically Needy Income Standards are the benefit amounts paid by the Social Security Administration to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash recipients.

Applicants with monthly countable income equal to or less than these income standards are categorically needy Medicaid eligible. This means that they are considered to be qualified for SSI money payments if they choose to apply. Categorically needy Medicaid recipients are eligible for Medicaid without a spend down, even though their income is actually higher than the medically needy income standard.

Applicants with monthly countable income in excess of these income standards are **not** categorically needy eligible. However, these applicants may be eligible for medically needy coverage.

SSI cash assistance recipients' income is not tested to this standard by the agency prior to granting Medicaid eligibility. This determination has been done by the Social Security Administration prior to issuing SSI benefits for SSI cash assistance recipients, and therefore they are assumed to meet this criterion.

**NOTE:** These standards do not apply to Montana Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (MWD). See ABD 010 Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities for MWD program standards and policies.

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