



AHCCCS Eligibility Focus: Adults with a Serious Mental Illness

Overview

- Multiple AHCCCS programs for people with disabilities.
- Eligibility requirements differ by program.
- Whose income is considered and how, also varies by program type
- Check for eligibility in any AHCCCS program at each application, change and renewal.

General Conditions of Eligibility

- Valid Application ([MA533](#))
- Resident of Arizona ([MA531A](#))
- Social Security Number ([MA532](#))
- U.S. citizen ([MA507](#)) or qualified noncitizen([MA524A](#))
- Apply for potential benefits ([MA526](#))
- Assignment of rights to medical benefits and cooperation ([MA503](#))

MAGI vs Non-MAGI Budgeting

MAGI (MA614)

Non-MAGI

- Used for Adult, Caretaker Relative, Pregnant Woman, Child and KidsCare.
 - Considers tax filing status, household members, and marital status (MA602D).
 - With some exceptions, income is counted or excluded based on whether it is taxable.
- Used for most other programs.
 - Net or gross income test.
 - Considers marital status, household members, children in home (MA602C) .
 - Tax filing status is not considered.
 - In general, income is counted or excluded based on SSI-Cash rules.

Whose Income is Included?

For MAGI based on:

- Plans to file taxes
- Will be claimed as a tax dependent
- Under or over age 19
- Is living with a spouse, child, parent, or sibling

For non-MAGI based on:

- Under or over age 18
- Marital status
- Is living with the spouse

MAGI Examples - Whose Income is Counted

If the customer	Then the budget group includes
Plans to file taxes and will not be claimed as a tax dependent	The taxpayer; Everyone the taxpayer will claim as a tax dependent; Taxpayer's spouse, when living together or filing a joint return. <u>Exception</u> : If customer under 19 living with parent(s), must also include parent(s).
Is a tax dependent under 19 living with and being claimed by parent(s)	The taxpayer claiming the customer; Everyone the taxpayer will claim as a tax dependent; Taxpayer's spouse when living together or filing a joint return; The customer's spouse when they are when living together.
Is a tax dependent age 19 or older being claimed by parent(s)	The taxpayer claiming the customer; Everyone the taxpayer will claim as a tax dependent; Taxpayer's spouse when living together or filing a joint return; The customer's spouse when they are when living together.

MAGI Examples - Whose Income is Counted (cont.)

If the customer is	Then the budget group includes
Under age 19 and none of the scenarios on the previous slide apply	The child and if living with the child, the child's: Spouse; Children; Parents; Siblings under the age of 19.
Age 19 or older and none of the scenarios on the previous slide apply	The customer and if living with them, their: Spouse; Children.

Program Exceptions

- Freedom to Work - Only considers the customer's earned income (MA613).
- Young Adult Transitional Insurance (MA416) - has no income limit.
- Title IV-E (Foster Care and Adoption Subsidy) – Automatically qualifies for AHCCCS (MA502).
- SSI-Cash - Automatically qualifies for AHCCCS (MA502).

SSI - Medical Assistance Only

- Meets one of the following:
 - Age 65 or older ([MA501](#))
 - Have been determined to meet Social Security criteria for blindness ([MA504](#)) or disability ([MA509](#))
- Income at or below 100% of the FBR or 100% of the FPL([MA615](#)).

SSI - Medical Assistance Only

100% of the FBR(2022)

Number of People in Household	Income Limit
1	\$841.00
2	\$1,261.00

100% of the FPL (2022)

Number of People in Household	Income Limit
1	\$1,133.00
2	\$1,526.00

SSI-MAO Specialty Categories

- “Disabled Adult Child (DAC)” - Lost SSI Cash eligibility([MA529](#)) due to start or increase in Social Security DAC benefits ([MA511](#)).
- “Disabled Widow/Widower (DWW)” Lost SSI Cash eligibility ([MA529](#)) due to start of or increase in Social Security Widow/Widower benefits ([MA512](#)).
- “Pickle” - Lost SSI Cash eligibility ([MA529](#)) due to a Cost-of-Living increase in their Social Security benefit ([MA530](#)).

Completing the AHCCCS Application

Key questions related to disability:

- Have any of the persons listed below received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) anytime in the past?
- Is any adult in this application not able to work because of a medical or mental condition that has lasted or may last 12 months, or might result in death?
- Has anyone you are applying for been determined to be blind or have a disability by the Social Security Administration (SSA), or the Veterans Administration (VA)?

Medicare Savings Program (MA409)

- Entitled to Medicare Part A (MA523)
- Meet income requirements for the specific MSP program (MA612)
- For QI-1, not enrolled in any other AHCCCS program.

Freedom to Work (MA402)

- Determined to meet Social Security criteria for blindness or disability
- Age 16 through 64
- Employed and paying Social Security and Medicare taxes (MA510)
- Pay the FTW premium (American Indian and Alaska Native customers may be exempt) (MA1203)
- Not eligible for any other Medicaid program (MA522)
- Countable income (MA613) below 250% of the FPL (MA615)

Freedom to Work

250% of the FPL

Individual	Income Limit
1	\$2,832.00

* Only the customer's net earned income is considered

Caretaker Relative

- Lives with and is primary caretaker of a child:
 - Under age 18; or
 - In high school and expected to graduate before age 19
- Income at or below 106% of the FPL ([MA615](#))

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$1,201.00
2	\$1,618.00

* Add \$417 per each additional person in household

Adult Category

- Age 19 through 64
- Not entitled to Medicare
- Income at or below 133% of the FPL ([MA615](#))

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$1,507.00
2	\$2,030.00

* Add \$524 per each additional person in household

Pregnant Woman

- Pregnant
- Income at or below 156% of the FPL ([MA615](#))

Household Size	Income Limit
2	\$2,381.00
3	\$2,994.00

*For each additional person add \$614

Arizona Long Term Care System

- Interview
- Medical need for long term care
- Countable resources under \$2,000 ([MA701](#))
- Countable income at or below 300% of the FBR ([MA615](#))

Individual	Income Limit
1	\$2,523.00

Reference Material

Eligibility Policy Manual (EPM)

<https://azahcccs.gov/resources/guidesmanualspolicies/eligibilitypolicy/eligibilitypolicymanual/index.html>

The AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/MedicalPolicyManual/>

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 36 - Public Health and Safety

<http://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=36>

Code of Federal Regulations

<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>

AHCCCS Contact Information

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Questions?

Thank You.