

Summary of Medicaid Household Rules

FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY BASED ON MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (MAGI) RULES

If an individual is a:		
Tax Filer Not Claimed as a Dependent	Tax Dependent	Non-Filer / Non-Dependent
Individual's household is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax filer plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Spouse → All persons whom tax filer expects to claim as a dependent 	Individual's household is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household of the tax filer claiming individual as a dependent <p>EXCEPTIONS (apply the rules for non-filers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax dependents not a child of the taxpayer • Individuals under 19¹ living with both parents not expected to file a joint return • Individuals under 19¹ claimed as tax dependent by non-custodial parents 	For individuals age 19 and above, household is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Spouse (if living with individual) → Children under age 19¹ (if living with the individual) For individuals under age 19 ¹ , household is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Siblings under 19¹ → Parents (including step-parents) → Children living with individual^{3,4}

¹ States can extend the age limit to include individuals under 21 who are full-time students

Notes:

- For married couples filing jointly, each spouse is considered a tax filer.
- Married couples living together are always in each other's household regardless of how they file.
- When determining the household of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus the number of children she is expecting. When determining the household for individuals whose household includes a pregnant woman (but are not pregnant themselves), states can count the pregnant woman as 1, 2, or 1 plus the number of children she is expecting.
- MAGI household and income rules do not apply to seniors eligible for Medicaid or people eligible for Medicaid due to a disability.

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