

# MEDICAID HOUSEHOLD RULES

## Summary of Medicaid Household Rules

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

| If an individual is a:  |  |  |
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| Tax Filer Not Claimed as a Dependent  | Tax Dependent  | Non-Filer / Non-Dependent  |
| <p>Individual's household is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax filer plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Spouse</li> <li>→ All persons whom tax filer expects to claim as a dependent</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <p>Individual's household is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household of the tax filer claiming individual as a dependent</li> </ul> <div> <p><b>EXCEPTIONS (apply the rules for non-filers)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax dependents not a child of the taxpayer</li> <li>Individuals under 19* living with both parents not expected to file a joint return</li> <li>Individuals under 19* claimed as tax dependent by non-custodial parents</li> </ul> </div> | <p>For individuals age 19 and above, household is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Spouse (if living with the individual)</li> <li>→ Children under age 19* (if living with the individual)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For individuals under age 19*, household is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Siblings under 19</li> <li>→ Parents (including step-parents)</li> <li>→ Children living with the individual</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p>*States can extend the age limit to include individuals under 21 who are full-time students</p>  |  |  |
| <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For married couples filing jointly, each spouse is considered a tax filer.</li> <li>➤ Married couples living together are always in each other's household regardless of how they file.</li> <li>➤ When determining the household of a pregnant person, they are counted as themselves plus the number of children they are expecting. When determining the household for individuals whose household includes a pregnant person (but the applicant themselves is not pregnant), states can count the pregnant person as 1, 2, or one plus the number of children the pregnant person is expecting.</li> <li>➤ MAGI household and income rules do not apply to seniors eligible for Medicaid or people eligible for Medicaid due to a disability.</li> </ul> |  |  |

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