

# 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"> <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>	Individual's household is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household of the tax filer claiming individual as a dependent</li> </ul> <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<sup>1</sup> living with both parents not expected to file a joint return</li> <li>• Individuals under 19<sup>1</sup> claimed as tax dependent by non-custodial parents</li> </ul>	For individuals age 19 and above, household is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual plus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Spouse (if living with individual)</li> <li>→ Children under age 19<sup>1</sup> (if living with the individual)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> For individuals under age 19 <sup>1</sup> , household is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual plus:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Siblings under 19<sup>1</sup></li> <li>→ Parents (including step-parents)</li> <li>→ Children living with individual<sup>3,4</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><sup>1</sup> 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 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.</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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