

SSI MAO Eligibility Fact Sheet

The Supplemental Security Income Medical Assistance Only (SSI MAO) Program is for individuals who are:

- Aged – age 65 or older.
- Blind – determined blind by the Disability Determination Services Administration (DDSA) or receiving Social Security (SSA or SSI) benefits on the basis of blindness.
- Disabled – unable to work due to a medical, physical, or mental impairment which is expected to result in death or last for a continuous period of 12 months or more.
 - Must be determined disabled by the Disability Determination Services Administration (DDSA); or
 - Must have a diagnosis of serious mental illness (SMI) determined by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

Eligibility Requirements

The following eligibility requirements must be met:

- ❖ **Citizenship/Alien Status** – Must be a citizen of the United States or a qualified non-citizen. Individuals who are not qualified non-citizens may be eligible for coverage of emergency services only.
- ❖ **Residency** – Must be a resident of Arizona with the intent to remain permanently or indefinitely.
- ❖ **Financial Criteria** – Income must be under the limit specific to each program (see limits below).
- ❖ **Social Security Number** – Must have a verified Social Security Number (SSN) or must apply for a SSN (except for non-citizens who cannot get a SSN).
- ❖ **Potential Benefits** – Must take necessary actions to obtain all potential benefits and/or income. Potential benefits may include medical benefits, retirement, Veteran's benefits, pensions, workman's compensation, Social Security or any other benefits that the customer may be entitled to receive.
- ❖ **Assignment of Third Party Liability (TPL)** – The customer's rights to any medical insurance coverage are assigned to AHCCCS to ensure that anyone responsible for medical coverage pays before AHCCCS.

Income Limits

Countable income (after the deductions listed below) is compared to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

April 2012	
Individual	Couple
\$931.00	\$1,261.00

Deductions

There are some expenses that may be deducted from the income, which may cause the countable income used for eligibility to be reduced. These deductions are:

- \$20.00 General Income Deduction
- Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE) Deduction
- Blind Work Expense Deduction
- Deduction for dependent children
- \$50.00 deducted from Child Support
- Deduction from wages of students

If income exceeds this limit and the applicant or spouse is working, an additional deduction of \$65 and half of the wages are deducted from the earned income. The countable income after these additional deductions is compared to the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).

January 2012	
Individual	Couple
\$698.00	\$1,048.00