DEPARTMENT POLICY

Medicaid Only

Apply the policies in this item to all Group 2 Medicaid categories.

Use the appropriate protected income level (defined below) for each fiscal group. Include other need items **only** when the fiscal group meets the requirements for them. Determine the fiscal group's total needs. Refer to BEM 545 to complete the income eligibility determination.

PROTECTED INCOME LEVEL

The protected income level (PIL) is a set allowance for non-medical need items such as shelter, food and incidental expenses.

RFT 240 lists the Group 2 MA PILs based on shelter area and fiscal group size.

RFT 200 lists the counties in each shelter area.

For **past months**, use the shelter area for the county the fiscal group lived in on the last day of the month tested. For **all other months**, use the shelter area for the county the fiscal group lives in on the processing date.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Count as a need item the cost of any health insurance premiums (including vision and dental insurance) and Medicare premiums paid by the **medical group** (defined in **"EXHIBIT I"**) regardless of who the coverage is for.

Example: Medical group of five pays health insurance premiums for six (themselves and another person **not** in the medical group). Allow health insurance premiums for six.

- Do **not** include premiums paid by the employer or any other non-medical group source.
- Include Medicare premiums paid by the medical group that may later be reimbursed by the Buy-In program (See BAM 810).

- Convert premiums paid other than monthly to a monthly cost.

REMEDIAL SERVICES

Remedial services produce the maximum:

- Reduction of physical and mental limitations, and
- Restoration of an individual to his best possible functional level.

Note: Remedial services do not include personal care services. (BEM 545, "**EXHIBIT ID**", explains personal care services.)

At a minimum, remedial services include basic self-care and rehabilitation training which teach and reinforce the following skills:

- Dressing.
- Grooming.
- Eating.
- Bathing.
- Toileting.
- Following simple instructions.

Always count the cost of remedial services when you determine eligibility for a person in an adult foster care (AFC) home. However, only count the cost for a person in a home for the aged (HA) when you verify the person receives remedial services.

For **past months**, the person must have been in the AFC home or HA on the last day of the month tested. For **all other months**, the person must be in the AFC home or HA on the processing date.

RFT 241 lists remedial services allowances by shelter area, type of home and, for AFCs, by type of care received.

VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Verify the cost of health insurance and Medicare premiums before allowing them as a need item at application, redetermination or change. Individuals must report and verify premium increases or decreases before changing the allowance.

For beneficiaries in an HA, verify the receipt of remedial services before allowing the cost as a need item and at annual renewal.

Compute eligibility without an allowance for these items if the beneficiary refuses to verify them.

Verification Sources

Health Insurance Premiums

- Insurance policy.
- Receipt or bill for premium.
- Contact with insurer.

Medicare Premiums

- BENDEX.
- Notice from Social Security Administration.

Remedial Services

- Contact with the home operator.

EXHIBIT 1 - MEDICAL GROUPS

A medical group consists of persons whose medical needs and costs may be considered when determining eligibility. See the **"DEFINITIONS"** and **"LIVING WITH"** sections in BEM 211 when identifying the composition of a medical group.

In an L/H or waiver month, the L/H or waiver client is a medical group of **one**. L/H month, waiver month and L/H client are defined in the Bridges Policy Glossary (BPG). See BEM 106 for definition of waiver client.

MAGI-Related Categories

The medical group for MAGI-related categories is the fiscal group.

SSI-Related Children

An SSI-related child's medical group includes the child and the following persons who live with the child:

- The child's parents, **and**
- Medical group members' children.

SSI-Related Adults

An SSI-related adult's medical group includes:

- Fiscal group members, **and**
- Fiscal group members' children and stepchildren.

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