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STATE FUNDED MEDICAL PROGRAM
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X-100 GENERAL INFORMATION

Effective July 1, 1980, Louisiana state law provides state funded medical coverage for persons who:

- lost eligibility for SSI and Medicaid because of cost of living increases in Louisiana state or local government retirement benefits, and
- are not eligible for any regular Medicaid program.

Medical benefits are:

- state funded, and
- the same as those available through Title 19.

X-110 Category

Category H(14) is used to identify Louisiana state and local government retirees whose medical benefits are entirely state-funded.

X-120 Outside Inquiry

If an individual inquires, but an SDX record has not been received:

- explain the program criteria, and
- initiate an application if the individual is potentially eligible.
X-200  ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

Determine eligibility by applying the following criteria. The elements have been listed in the most logical order, but work on all steps simultaneously.

X-210  Determine Assistance/Benefit Unit

The assistance/benefit unit consists of the applicant(s)/recipient(s).

Both members of a couple (legal and non-legal) could be included if both meet the eligibility criteria.

X-220  Establish Categorical Requirement

- Verify receipt and amount of Louisiana state or local government retirement benefits, and
- that loss of SSI eligibility is due to a cost of living (COLA) increase in Louisiana state or local government retirement benefits.

Sources include, but are not limited to:

- SSA records, correspondence, or forms, or
- retirement records, correspondence, or forms indicating receipt of benefits.

Document the case record.

File a copy of the proof in the case record.
X-230  Establish Non-Financial Eligibility

Verify eligibility for the applicant/recipient with regard to the following factors:

- Assignment of Third Party Rights I-100
- Citizenship/Alien Status I-300
- Enumeration I-600
- Residence I-1900

X-240  Establish Need

Determine composition of the income/resource unit. The income/resource unit consists of the:

- applicant/recipient, and
- legal or non-legal spouse living in the home.

Determine need:

1. Determine total countable resources of the applicant/recipient. Refer to Need–Resources, SSI-Related Programs, I-1630.

2. Compare countable resources to the SSI resource limit. Refer to Charts, Z-0000.

If countable resources exceed the resource limit, the applicant/recipient is ineligible.

If countable resources are equal to or less than the resource limit, the applicant/recipient is resource eligible.
3. Refer to **Need–Income, SSI-Related Programs, I-1530**, to determine gross monthly income:

- Disregard all percentage increases in state, local, and parish government retirement benefits. Disregard the increases which caused SSI ineligibility and all subsequent COLAs after the loss of SSI.

- Add any income deemed from the spouse.

- Deduct the $20.00 SSI standard deduction.

- Deduct the earned income exemption:
  - Subtract $65.00 from earned income.
  - Subtract 1/2 of the remainder.

- Subtract the balance of the $20.00 SSI standard deduction, if any.

- Compare countable income to the appropriate current FBR:
  - If countable income is equal to or less than the FBR, the applicant/recipient is income eligible.
  - If countable income is greater than the FBR, the applicant/recipient is ineligible.

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**X-250 Eligibility Decision**

Evaluate all eligibility requirements and verification received to make the eligibility decision to either close the SSI Type Case 78 certification or certify for state funded coverage.
X-260 Certification Period

The certification period cannot exceed 12 months.

X-270 Notice of Decision

If eligibility is not established, provide advance notice of the SSI closure using BHSF Form 19G. If eligibility is established, send BHSF Form 18SFMA to the recipient.

X-300 Renewals

A renewal is required annually for State and Local Government Retirees. Refer to Renewals–K-0000.