

Chapter 182-506 WAC

MEDICAL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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- 182-506-0010 Medical assistance units (MAU) for MAGI-based Washington apple health programs.
- 182-506-0015 Medical assistance units for non-MAGI-based Washington apple health programs.

DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

- 182-506-0020 Assistance units for medical care services (MCS). [Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 74.09.035, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-19-051, § 182-506-0020, filed 9/13/12, effective 10/14/12.] Repealed by WSR 14-16-019, filed 7/24/14, effective 8/24/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, Public Law 111-148, 42 C.F.R. § 431, 435, and 457, and 45 C.F.R. § 155.

WAC 182-506-0010 Medical assistance units (MAU) for MAGI-based Washington apple health programs. (1) A person's financial eligibility for programs that use modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodology, as described in WAC 182-509-0300, is based on multiple factors including relationship to other household members, age, tax status and pregnancy. The rules in this section describe which household members' income is counted in determining a person's eligibility. These household members comprise the person's "medical assistance unit" (MAU). Members of a single household may have different MAUs.

(2) The determination of countable income for MAGI-based programs is described in chapter 182-509 WAC.

(3) A person's MAGI-based countable income equals the total countable income of the members of the person's MAU (see WAC 182-509-0001). This income is compared to the income standard for the MAU size when determining eligibility for programs based on a federal poverty limit standard.

(4) The number of persons in the MAU is increased by one for each unborn child for each pregnant woman already included in the MAU under this section.

(5) For any given tax year in which an initial eligibility determination, renewal of eligibility, post-eligibility review or change of circumstance is made, MAUs are determined as follows:

(a) The MAU for a person who expects to file a federal tax return and does not expect to be claimed as a tax dependent by another tax filer includes the following:

(i) The person (tax filer) and all persons the tax filer expects to claim as a tax dependent; and

(ii) The following additional persons, but only if they live in the same residence:

(A) The person's spouse;

(B) The person's natural, adopted and step-children less than nineteen years of age;

(C) If the person is less than nineteen years of age, the person's natural, adopted and step-parents; and

(D) If the person is less than nineteen years of age, the natural, adoptive and step-siblings who are less than nineteen years of age.

(b) The MAU for a person who expects to be claimed as a tax dependent by a tax filer includes:

(i) The person (tax dependent), the tax filer, and any other persons in the tax filer's MAU (as determined according to (a) of this subsection), except if:

(A) The person is not the spouse or biological, adopted, or natural child of the tax filer;

(B) The person is under age nineteen and living in the same residence as both parents, but is expected to be claimed as a tax dependent by only one parent, either because the parents are unmarried or do not expect to file taxes jointly; or

(C) The person is under age nineteen and expects to be claimed by a noncustodial parent.

(ii) If (b)(i)(A), (B) or (C) of this section applies, the person's MAU is determined according to the nonfiler rules described in (c) of this subsection.

(c) The MAU for a person who does not expect to file a federal tax return and who either does not expect to be claimed as a tax dependent or meets one of the tax dependent exceptions in (b) of this subsection includes the following persons, but only if they live in the same residence:

(i) The person (self);

(ii) The person's spouse;

(iii) The person's natural, adopted and step-children less than nineteen years of age;

(iv) If the person is less than nineteen years of age, the person's natural, adopted and step-parents; and

(v) If the person is less than nineteen years of age, the natural, adoptive and step-siblings who are less than nineteen years of age.

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WAC 182-506-0015 Medical assistance units for non-MAGI-based Washington apple health programs. This section explains how medical assistance units (MAUs) are constructed for programs not based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodologies. (MAGI-based programs are described in WAC 182-503-0510.)

(1) An MAU is a person or group of people who must be included together when determining eligibility. MAUs are established based on each person's relationship to other family members and the person's financial responsibility for the other family members. MAUs for non-MAGI-based pro-

grams include an applicant and persons financially responsible for the applicant as described in subsection (2) of this section (as limited by subsection (3) of this section).

(2) Financial responsibility applies only to spouses and to parents, as follows:

(a) Married persons, living together are financially responsible for each other;

(b) Natural, adoptive, or step-parents are financially responsible for their unmarried, minor children living in the same household;

(c) Minor children are not financially responsible for their parents or for their siblings;

(d) Married persons' financial responsibility for each other when not living together because one or both are residing in a medical institution is described in chapter 182-513 WAC.

(3) The number of persons in the MAU is increased by one for each verified unborn child for each pregnant woman already included in the MAU under this section.

(4) A separate SSI-related MAU is required for:

(a) SSI recipients;

(b) SSI-related persons;

(c) Institutionalized persons;

(d) The purpose of applying medical income standards for an:

(i) SSI-related applicant whose spouse is not relatable to SSI or is not applying for SSI-related medical; and

(ii) Ineligible spouse of an SSI recipient.

(5) When determining eligibility for an SSI-related medical program, the agency determines how household income is allocated and deemed to the SSI-related person according to the rules described in WAC 182-512-0820 and 182-512-0900 through 182-512-0960.

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