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CATEGORICALLY NEEDY - NO MONEY PAYMENT

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**MA-2100 CATEGORICALLY NEEDY-NO MONEY PAYMENT**

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**I. INTRODUCTION TO CATEGORICALLY NEEDY - NO MONEY PAYMENT (N)**

Categorically Needy - No Money Payment is a Medicaid classification for aged, blind, and disabled individuals who do not receive SSI, but whose resources are below the categorically needy levels and whose income is below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This section defines the general requirements to determine eligibility as categorically needy for non-SSI recipients. (For working disabled or blind individuals, see [MA 2180, Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities.](#))

Always evaluate aged, blind and disabled individuals as categorically needy before evaluating under medically needy criteria.

**II. POLICY RULES FOR CATEGORICALLY NEEDY**

- A. Meet the eligibility requirements in [MA-2000](#), Non-SSI Eligibility Regulations.
- B. Categorically Needy Income Limits (Refer to [MA-2260](#), Financial Eligibility Regulations - PLA.
- C. Not exceed the resource limit (Refer to [MA-2260](#), Financial Eligibility Regulations – PLA.

**D. Classification**

- 1. Non-HCWD categorically needy individuals have classification “N” or “Q”, if dually eligible.
- 2. HCWD categorically needy individuals have classification “N” or “G” or, if dually eligible, “”Q” or “B.”

**E. Deductible**

Individuals evaluated as categorically needy cannot have a deductible. When income exceeds the categorically needy income limit, evaluate as medically needy.

**F. Certification/Authorization**

Refer to [MA-2350](#), Certification and Authorization.

**G. Buy-In**

For categorically needy cases, the buy-in effective date is the first day of the first month the recipient is authorized for Medicaid.

Refer to [MA-2410](#), Medicare Enrollment and Buy-In, for procedures.