

## C-Eligibility Requirements

### C-100 Overview

Each long-term care program which OAAS administers has requirements which must be met in order for the individual to be determined eligible. These eligibility requirements can be grouped into three major groupings: financial eligibility, program requirements and level of care eligibility. For specific eligibility requirements, refer to OAAS Programs at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/121/n/127> for each of the different program fact sheets.

### C-200 Financial Eligibility

Financial eligibility for Medicaid-funded programs is determined by the appropriate Medicaid offices. Maximum income and resource limits are announced each year by the DHH Medicaid division. Current income and resource limits are listed on the current OAAS Program Fact Sheets at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/121/n/127> . Medicaid financial eligibility rules are complex. Certain income and resources may be excluded from these limits. OAAS staff and/or support coordinators (SC) should not advise individuals that they are ineligible based on these limits. Any questions about financial eligibility must be referred to the appropriate Medicaid office.

### C-300 Program Requirements

Program requirements are defined in program rules and policies and are specific to each program which OAAS administers (e.g. For all OAAS waiver programs, the individual's health and welfare must be assured in the home setting). All program requirements for a specific program must be met in order for the individual to be determined eligible for that program.

## **C-400 Level of Care Eligibility**

All long-term care programs administered by OAAS must meet nursing facility level of care (NF LOC) as one of the eligibility requirements. OAAS uses the Minimum Data Set-Home Care (MDS-HC) to determine if an individual has met nursing facility level of care for the OAAS long-term care programs. (Refer to the LOC Policy Manual – <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/OAAS/Manuals/LOCEligibilityManual.pdf>)