

X-0000 STATE FUNDED MEDICAL PROGRAM LOUISIANA STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RETIREES**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 adjustments (COLAs) in Louisiana state or local government retirement benefits; and
- Are not eligible for any regular Medicaid program.

X-100.1 Coverage

An enrollee is eligible for the full range of Medicaid covered services. Medical benefits are State funded and the same as those available through Title XIX.

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-200.1 Determine Assistance Unit

The assistance/benefit unit consists of the applicant/enrollee.

X-200.2 Establish Categorical Requirement

- Verify receipt and amount of Louisiana state or local government retirement benefits;
- That loss of SSI eligibility is due to a cost of living (COLA) increase in Louisiana state or local government retirement benefits; and
- Would otherwise be eligible for SSI benefits except for the increase in income due to COLA's received since the loss of SSI.

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 Notes.

File a copy of the proof in the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).

X-200.3 Establish Non-Financial Eligibility

Verify eligibility for each member of the assistance unit with regard to the following factors:

- Assignment of Third Party Rights I-200
- Citizenship/Identity and Qualified Non-Citizen Status I-300
- Enumeration I-600
- Residence I-1900

X-200.4 Establish Need**A. Determine Composition of the Income/Resource Unit**

The income/resource unit consists of the:

- Applicant/enrollee,
- Applicant/enrollee and ineligible spouse living in the home, or
- Applicants/enrollees who are a couple living in the same home (eligible couple).

B. Determine Need/Countable Resources

Determine total countable resources of the members of the resource unit. Refer to [I-1630 Need – SSI-Related Resources](#).

Compare the countable resources to the SSI resource limit for the number in the resource unit. Refer to [Z-900, Resource Limits by Program](#).

If resources are greater than the resource limit, the applicant/enrollee is ineligible for benefits.

If resources are equal to or less than the resource limit, the applicant/enrollee is resource eligible for benefits.

C. Determine Need/Countable Income

Refer to [I-1530, Need – SSI-Related Income](#), to determine gross monthly income.

If the applicant/enrollee is an individual with no spouse or with an ineligible spouse with no income, complete the following steps:

- Step 1 Determine total government retirement income.
- Step 2 Subtract all percentage increases in state, local, and parish government retirement benefits and any increases which caused SSI ineligibility and all subsequent COLAs after the loss of SSI.

- Step 3 The remainder is the countable retirement income.
- Step 4 Add any other countable unearned income.
- Step 5 Combine amounts from Step 3 and Step 4.
- Step 6 Subtract \$20 SSI disregard from total unearned income. The result is the countable unearned income.
- Step 7 Determine total gross earned income.
- Step 8 Subtract earned income deduction of \$65 and one half of the remainder from remaining gross earnings.
- Step 9 Subtract any balance of \$20 SSI disregard from gross earnings.
- Step 10 The remainder is countable earned income.
- Step 11 Combine amounts from Step 6 and Step 10.
- Step 12 Compare countable income to the current FBR for an individual. If income is equal to or less than the FBR, the applicant/enrollee is income eligible.
- If countable income is greater than the FBR, the applicant/enrollee is ineligible.

Ineligible Spouse Deeming

If there is an ineligible spouse with income, complete budget steps 1 through 12 above using on the applicant/enrollee's income. If the applicant/recipient's income is equal to or greater than the current FBR for an individual, the applicant/enrollee is ineligible and there is no need to deem. If the applicant/enrollee's income is less than the FBR for one, apply deeming policy, [I-1424.2 Income Deeming Procedures](#).

X-200.5 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-200.6 Certification Period

The certification period cannot exceed 12 months.

X-200.7 Notice of Decision

If eligibility is not established, provide advance notice of the SSI closure.
If eligibility is established, send a decision letter to the enrollee.

X-300 RENEWALS

A renewal is required annually for State and Local Government Retirees. Refer to [K-0000 - Renewals](#).