

**WAC 182-512-0050 SSI-related medical—General information. (1)**

The agency (which includes its designee for purposes of this chapter) provides health care coverage under the Washington apple health (WAH) categorically needy (CN) and medically needy (MN) SSI-related programs for SSI-related people, meaning those who meet at least one of the federal SSI program criteria as being:

- (a) Age sixty-five or older;
- (b) Blind with:
  - (i) Central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens; or
  - (ii) A field of vision limitation so the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.
- (c) Disabled:
  - (i) "Disabled" means unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment, which:
    - (A) Can be expected to result in death; or
    - (B) Has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve months; or
    - (C) In the case of a child seventeen years of age or younger, if the child suffers from any medically determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity.
  - (ii) Decisions on SSI-related disability are subject to the authority of:
    - (A) Federal statutes and regulations codified at 42 U.S.C. Section 1382c and 20 C.F.R., parts 404 and 416, as amended; and
    - (B) Controlling federal court decisions, which define the OASDI and SSI disability standard and determination process.
- (2) A denial of Title II or Title XVI federal benefits by SSA solely due to failure to meet the blindness or disability criteria is binding on the agency unless the applicant's:
  - (a) Denial is under appeal in the reconsideration stage in SSA's administrative hearing process, or SSA's appeals council; or
  - (b) Medical condition has changed since the SSA denial was issued.
- (3) The agency considers a person who meets the special requirements for SSI status under Sections 1619(a) or 1619(b) of the Social Security Act as an SSI recipient. Such a person is eligible for WAH CN health care coverage under WAC 182-510-0001.
- (4) Persons referred to in subsection (1) must also meet appropriate eligibility criteria found in the following WAC and EA-Z Manual sections:
  - (a) For all programs:
    - (i) WAC 182-506-0015, Medical assistance units;
    - (ii) WAC 182-504-0015, Categorically needy and WAC 182-504-0020, Medically needy certification periods;
    - (iii) Program specific requirements in chapter 182-512 WAC;
    - (iv) WAC 182-503-0050, Verification;
    - (v) WAC 182-503-0505, General eligibility requirements for medical programs;
    - (vi) WAC 182-503-0540, Assignment of rights and cooperation;
    - (vii) Chapter 182-516 WAC, Trusts, annuities and life estates.
  - (b) For LTC programs:
    - (i) Chapter 182-513 WAC, Long-term care services;
    - (ii) Chapter 182-515 WAC, Waiver services.
  - (c) For WAH MN, chapter 182-519 WAC, Spenddown;

(d) For WAH HWD, program specific requirements in chapter 182-511 WAC.

(5) Aliens who qualify for medicaid coverage, but are determined ineligible because of alien status may be eligible for programs as specified in WAC 182-507-0110.

(6) The agency pays for a person's medical care outside of Washington according to WAC 182-501-0180.

(7) The agency follows income and resource methodologies of the supplemental security income (SSI) program defined in federal law when determining eligibility for SSI-related medical or medicare savings programs unless the agency adopts rules that are less restrictive than those of the SSI program.

(8) Refer to WAC 182-504-0125 for effects of changes on medical assistance for redetermination of eligibility.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), 42 C.F.R. §§ 431, 435, 457 and 45 C.F.R. § 155. WSR 14-07-059, § 182-512-0050, filed 3/14/14, effective 4/14/14. WSR 11-24-018, recodified as § 182-512-0050, filed 11/29/11, effective 12/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090. WSR 04-09-002, § 388-475-0050, filed 4/7/04, effective 6/1/04.]