

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

101.03.13 ABD RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

When either member of a couple, the Institutional Spouse (IS) or Community Spouse (CS), or a representative acting on behalf of either the IS, CS, or the couple, requests an assessment of the couple's resources, the regional office will use the following guidelines:

- An assessment is separate from an application for Medicaid. If the IS wishes to apply for Medicaid, an assessment is not required. Resources will be evaluated under Spousal Impoverishment rules and appropriate notice of eligibility will be issued.
- When the couple only wants to know how Medicaid will evaluate their total resources if an application were filed, an assessment is required.
- If one spouse has not yet entered an institution on the date the assessment is requested, an assessment cannot be provided.
- An assessment is a "snapshot" of the couple's total countable resources in the month of the institutionalization, i.e., what was true in the month the IS entered an institution for 30 consecutive days or longer on or after 9/30/1989.
- An assessment provides a written evaluation of resources to the couple giving the following information:
 - Total value of countable resources;
 - The basis for the determination;
 - The CS' share based on the maximum standard allowed as of the month of the assessment;
 - Whether the IS would be currently resource-eligible if an application were to be filed.
- A "Resource Assessment Notice" will be used to document the information specified above to the couple or their representative.