

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

### 101.08.04B **SSI ELIGIBLES**

Persons eligible for SSI may be eligible for additional months of eligibility beyond the SSI retroactive period. This period of coverage includes the month of application for SSI and any other missing months of eligibility that exist until the month the SSI payment begins. The SSI eligible person must apply for and be determined eligible for ABD coverage for the interim period of missing SSI eligibility.

An application for the interim period of missing SSI eligibility can be filed at any time and may or may not be filed in conjunction with an application for SSI retroactive Medicaid.

### 101.08.04C **DETERMINING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY**

#### ❖ **Aged, Blind and Disabled Programs**

Eligibility in a retroactive month cannot be assumed based on current month eligibility. Determine eligibility for each month separately using the eligibility rules in effect for that month, actual income received in each month and actual resources available in each month.

NOTE: Annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increases in Federal benefits cannot be used to determine ABD eligibility in any given year until the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) limits have been implemented for that year. Therefore, when determining retroactive or ongoing eligibility for the months of January, February and possibly March, the prior benefit amount must be budgeted, rather than the actual amount.

### 101.08.04D **DETERMINING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY**

#### ❖ **Families, Children and CHIP Programs**

Actual income received in the retroactive month(s) must be verified only if the normal income in those months is significantly more or less than the verified income that is used to determine ongoing eligibility. Accept the applicant's statement regarding income sources and amounts in the retroactive period unless there is some reason to question the accuracy of the statement.

For purposes of determining Extended Medicaid eligibility, retroactive Medicaid can be used to determine whether an applicant would have been eligible for Medical Assistance (85) in three of the last six months.