

## SSI & Section 1619(b) Medicaid

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In New York State, SSI Recipients Automatically Qualify for Medicaid (if SSI payment as little as \$1).

### Under Section 1619(b), Former SSI Recipients Can Still Keep Medicaid:

- If SSI payment was stopped due to earned income or a combination of earned and unearned income
  - Living alone, 2017 – will lose SSI if gross monthly earnings are \$1,729 or higher (if no unearned income)
  - Living with others - will lose SSI if gross earnings are \$1,601 or higher (if no unearned income)
  - The person's disability must continue

### Additional Section 1619(b) Criteria (Non-Financial):

- Prior month requirement: must have received an SSI check or been eligible for 1619(b) in at least one month of the previous 12 months
- Medicaid use test:
  - used Medicaid within past 12 months; or
  - expects to use Medicaid in next 12 months; or
  - would be unable to pay unexpected medical bill in next 12 months without Medicaid

### Section 1619(b)'s Financial Criteria:

- Unearned income must be within SSI's limits
- Resources must be within SSI's limits
- Annual income must be under the 1619(b) threshold, or it must be under an "individualized threshold"

### Section 1619(b)'s Earned Income Threshold:

- For calendar year 2017, New York's earned income threshold is \$43,364 per year
- If annual wages are below \$43,364 and the other criteria is met, Medicaid will continue

### Section 1619(b)'s Individualized Threshold:

- If gross earnings are more than general threshold, eligibility may be established by adding up:
  - base amount of \$18,660 in 2017
  - New York Medicaid amount from threshold chart (\$24,704 in 2017), or actual Medicaid expenses if higher
  - impairment related work expenses and/or blind work expenses
  - publicly funded attendant care costs
- The total of these items establishes the individualized threshold.
- If annual gross earnings are below this threshold, and other criteria are met, Medicaid will continue.

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