

The Supplemental Security Income Medical Assistance Only (SSI MAO) Program is for individuals who are:

- Aged – age 65 or older.
- Blind – determined blind by the Disability Determination Services Administration (DDSA) **or** receiving Social Security (SSA or SSI) benefits on the basis of blindness.
- Disabled – unable to work due to a medical, physical, or mental impairment which is expected to result in death or last for a continuous period of 12 months or more.
  - Must be determined disabled by the Disability Determination Services Administration (DDSA); **or**
  - Must have a diagnosis of serious mental illness (SMI) determined by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

## Eligibility Requirements

The following eligibility requirements must be met:

- ❖ **Citizenship/Alien Status** – Must be a citizen of the United States or a qualified non-citizen. Individuals who are not qualified non-citizens may be eligible for coverage of emergency services only.
- ❖ **Residency** – Must be a resident of Arizona with the intent to remain permanently or indefinitely.
- ❖ **Financial Criteria** – Income must be under the limit specific to each program (see limits below).
- ❖ **Social Security Number** – Must have a verified Social Security Number (SSN) or must apply for a SSN (except for non-citizens who cannot get a SSN).
- ❖ **Potential Benefits** – Must take necessary actions to obtain all potential benefits and/or income. Potential benefits may include medical benefits, retirement, Veteran’s benefits, pensions, workman’s compensation, Social Security or any other benefits that the customer may be entitled to receive.
- ❖ **Assignment of Third Party Liability (TPL)** – The customer’s rights to any medical insurance coverage are assigned to AHCCCS to ensure that anyone responsible for medical coverage pays before AHCCCS.

## Income Limits

Countable income (after the deductions listed below) is compared to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

February 2020	
Individual	Couple
\$1,064.00	\$1,437.00

## Deductions

There are some expenses that may be deducted from the income, which may cause the countable income used for eligibility to be reduced. These deductions are:

- \$20.00 General Income Deduction
- Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE) Deduction
- Blind Work Expense Deduction
- Deduction for dependent children
- \$50.00 deducted from Child Support
- Deduction from wages of students

If income exceeds this limit and the applicant or spouse is working, an additional deduction of \$65 and half of the wages are deducted from the earned income. The countable income after these additional deductions is compared to the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).

January 2021	
Individual	Couple
\$794	\$1,191.00