

3315.00.00 USE OF THE SPECIAL INCOME LEVEL TEST

The Special Income Level (SIL) test is a specific financial eligibility determination that applies only to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled categories.⁵ The SIL eligibility test applies to all the waivers. Refer to Section 3325.05.00 for SIL budgeting procedures.

When the SIL test is applicable, there are other specific eligibility provisions that apply as follows:

- For the Community Integration and Habilitation, Family Supports, Health and Wellness, Traumatic Brain Injury and PathWays waivers, the applicant/recipient must pass the SIL test to be considered eligible for Medicaid.
- The spousal impoverishment protection resource provisions explained in Sections 2635.10.10 through 2635.10.10.15 are used if the waiver applicant/recipient has a community spouse. Spousal impoverishment protection is not used for any of the other waivers.
- If the individual passes the SIL test during the eligibility step, then a post-eligibility budget is done to determine the amount, if any, of the HCBS Waiver Liability. If the person fails to pass the SIL test, the person is ineligible for assistance.
- For children under 18 applying for a blind or disabled category, parental income is exempt in the SIL test and if the child passes the SIL test, parental resources are exempt. If Medicaid coverage is needed prior to the start date of waiver services, retroactive coverage can be approved using regular eligibility rules for those months, including parental deeming as appropriate for the child's category. If the parents request Medicaid coverage to coincide with the waiver start date, the parents are not required to provide any information regarding their income or resources.

The SIL budget will only apply when a member has accepted the waiver (see IHCPPM 1610.47.00).

⁵ 1902(a)(A)(ii)(V)