



Pickle Reduction Factors

Section 503 of Public Law 94-566, referred to as the Pickle Amendment, protects Medicaid eligibility for all recipients of Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) who were previously eligible for SSI benefits concurrently. These recipients are individuals who would be eligible for SSI, if all RSDI Cost of Living Allowances (COLAs) received since they were last eligible for and receiving RSDI and SSI benefits concurrently, were deducted from their countable income. (See 85 ADM-35 for further information). The reduction factors in the chart below, "REDUCTION FACTORS FOR CALCULATING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE PICKLE AMENDMENT", should be used when determining Medicaid eligibility for individuals who are entitled to a reduction to their countable SSI Income.

July 1979 – June 1980	0.281	Jan. 1994 – Dec. 1994	0.562	Jan. 2008 – Dec. 2008	0.802
July 1980 – June 1981	0.321	Jan. 1995 – Dec. 1995	0.578	Jan. 2009 – Dec. 2011	0.849
July 1981 – June 1982	0.357	Jan. 1996 – Dec. 1996	0.593	Jan. 2012 – Dec. 2012	0.880
July 1982 – Dec. 1983	0.383	Jan. 1997 – Dec. 1997	0.610	Jan. 2013 – Dec. 2013	0.895
Jan. 1984 – Dec. 1984	0.397	Jan. 1998 – Dec. 1998	0.623	Jan. 2014 – Dec. 2014	0.908
Jan. 1985 – Dec. 1985	0.410	Jan. 1999 – Dec. 1999	0.631	Jan. 2015 – Dec. 2016	0.924
Jan. 1986 – Dec. 1986	0.423	Jan. 2000 – Dec. 2000	0.646	Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2017	0.927
Jan. 1987 – Dec. 1987	0.429	Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001	0.669	Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2018	0.945
Jan. 1988 – Dec. 1988	0.447	Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2002	0.686	Jan. 2019 – Dec. 2019	0.972
Jan. 1989 – Dec. 1989	0.465	Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2003	0.696	Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2020	0.987
Jan. 1990 – Dec. 1990	0.486	Jan. 2004 – Dec. 2004	0.711		

Note: This updates the Reduction Factors included in the Medicaid Reference Guide (MRG). The MRG table should no longer be used.

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