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The State of Arizona's Medicaid program is called **AHCCCS** (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System). There are various groups of individuals who may qualify for **AHCCCS**.

Acronym Table

ALTCS (Arizona Long Term Care System)

QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary)

SLMB (Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary)

QI-1 (Qualified Individual-1)

SSI-MAO (SSI-Medical Assistance Only)

Acute care medical services may include: prescription medications, doctor's office visits, lab and x-ray services, hospitalization, medical supplies, behavioral health care, and/or transportation.

The **SSI-MAO** program provides acute care medical services for those individuals who are over 65 or considered blind or disabled by the Social Security Administration. Members can qualify if they have less than \$903 in monthly income (couples: less than \$1215)

The **QMB, SLMB and QI-1** programs provide medical assistance ranging from partial reimbursements of Medicare Part B premiums, to full payment of Medicare Part B premiums, to acute care medical services. Members may qualify for one of these programs if they have Medicare Part A and less than \$1219 in monthly income (\$1640 for couples).

The **ALTCS** program provides medical assistance for those in need of long term care services and who are at risk of needing intermediate or skilled nursing care. This program pays for nursing home care, home and community based-services, some residential care, and acute care medical services.

**ALTCS Non-financial Guidelines**

**Categorical Element**—*Is the member over 65, Disabled, Blind, Under 18, Pregnant, or Deprived?*

**Social Security Number**—*The member must have proof of his/her SSN.*

**Citizenship or Alien Status**—*Is the member a US Citizen or a lawful alien?*

**Identity**—*Can the member prove their identity?*

**Arizona residency**—*Is the member intending to stay in the state of Arizona?*

**Marital Status**—*If the member is married, he/she may be able to retain more of their combined assets if they can verify marital status.*

**Living arrangement**—*Where does the member reside? Is it an ALTCS approved setting? Will he/she have to move?*

**Applying for potential benefits**—*Is the member a Veteran or a widow of a Veteran? Did he/she work for a company with a pension plan?*

**Third-party liability**—*Does the member have other health insurance or benefits to help pay for the medical expenses? If yes, those must be assigned to AHCCCS.*

**Medical assessment**—*Is the member at risk of institutionalization? Does he/she require assistance with activities of daily living?*

**ALTCS Financial Guidelines**

Resources—

**For single individuals:** *Does the member have less than \$2000.00 in assets?*

**For couples:** *Does the member and his/her spouse have less than \$23912.00\* in combined assets?*

Income—

**For single individuals:** *When you add together the Social Security and all other monthly pensions, is the total less than \$2022.00? \*\**

**For couples:** *When you add together both Social Security pensions and all other monthly pensions, is the total less than \$4044.00? \*\**

**Transfers**—*Has the member given away money or assets that he/she could have used to help pay for his/her care?*

\* *There are separate guidelines for couples who can verify marital status. In some instances, the "well" spouse is able to retain half of the total resources owned at the time the other spouse began needing long term care services. The half can be at least \$21,912.00, but cannot exceed \$109,560.00 (for year 2009).*

\*\* *If the income exceeds these numbers (year 2009), an applicant may qualify with an income-only trust (AKA: Miller Trust).*