IM 3570 REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER A SPECIAL INCOME LEVEL.--Eligibility under a special income level is not effective until the individual has been in a medical institution for a period of 30 days. A "period of 30 days" is defined as being from 12:00 a.m. of the day of admission to the medical institution, and ending no earlier than 12:00 midnight of the thirtieth day following the beginning of the period. Once an individual has been in a medical institution for a 30-day period, eligibility begins with the first day of the 30-day period and lasts, assuming all other eligibility criteria are met, until the individual is discharged from the institution. For example:

An individual enters a medical institution on May 23, and leaves on August 14. The 30-day period for eligibility begins at 12:00 a.m. May 23, and ends at 12:00 midnight June 21. Eligibility begins on May 23 and continues until the individual is discharged on August 14.