

2119 – DISABLED WIDOW(ER) AGE 60–64 (PUBLIC LAW 100-203)

POLICY STATEMENT	Widow(er) Age 60 – 64 (PL 100-203) is a class of assistance (COA) that provides Medicaid for a widow(er) who applies for an RSDI widow(er) benefit at age 60 or older and subsequently has his/her SSI terminated because of his/her entitlement to an RSDI widow(er) benefit.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>To be eligible under the Widow(er) Age 60–64 COA the A/R must meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The A/R is a disabled or blind widow(er) aged 60 – 64.• The A/R is currently receiving an RSDI widow(er)/survivor divorced spouse benefit.• The A/R is currently ineligible for Medicare Part A coverage.• The A/R previously received SSI that was terminated because his/her initial entitlement to RSDI as a widow(er)/surviving divorced spouse.• The A/R is eligible for SSI if the initial entitlement to RSDI as a widow(er)/surviving divorced spouse and all subsequent COLAs are disregarded.• The A/R meets all basic and financial eligibility criteria. <p>NOTE: Length of Stay (LOS) and Level of Care (LOC) are NOT requirements for this COA.</p> <p>When the A/R becomes Medicare eligible at age 65 or after 24 months as disabled, s/he is NO longer eligible under this COA. Complete a CMD. Refer to Section 2052, Continuing Medicaid Determination.</p> <p>Refer to Section 2117, Disabled Widow(er), for information on Medicare entitlement based on disability for an individual receiving an RSDI widow(er) benefit.</p>

PROCEDURES

Follow the steps below to determine Medicaid eligibility under the Widow(er) Age 60 – 64 COA.

Step 1 Accept the A/R's Medicaid application.

Step 2 Conduct a face-to-face interview.

Step 3 Verify that the A/R is age 60 – 64.

**PROCEDURES
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Step 4 Obtain verification from the SSA to verify the following:

- The date SSI benefits were terminated.
- The current amount of the A/R's RSDI Widow(er) benefit.
- The amounts of the RSDI initial entitlement that caused S termination and all COLAs received since SSI was terminated
- The A/R's current ineligibility for Medicare Part A coverage.

Step 5 Determine all basic eligibility criteria except LOS and LOC. Refer to Chapter 2200, Basic Eligibility Criteria.

NOTE: Verify blindness or disability if the A/R does not have prima facie evidence of blindness or disability, such as receipt of an RSDI disability benefit. Refer to Section 2205, ABD Requirement.

Step 6 Determine financial eligibility using the current SSI income and resource limits. Refer to Chapter 2500, ABD Financial Responsibility and Budgeting, to determine the following:

- Whose income and resources to consider.
- Which SSI income and resource limit (individual or couple) use.
- Which eligibility budget to complete.

Determine the A/R's countable income by disregarding the following amounts of RSDI income:

- The initial entitlement to RSDI as a widow(er) that caused S termination

AND

- All subsequent COLAs.

NOTE: The RSDI claim number will end with a beneficiary identification code (BIC) that includes "D" if the A/R receives RSDI as a widow(er)/surviving divorced spouse.

