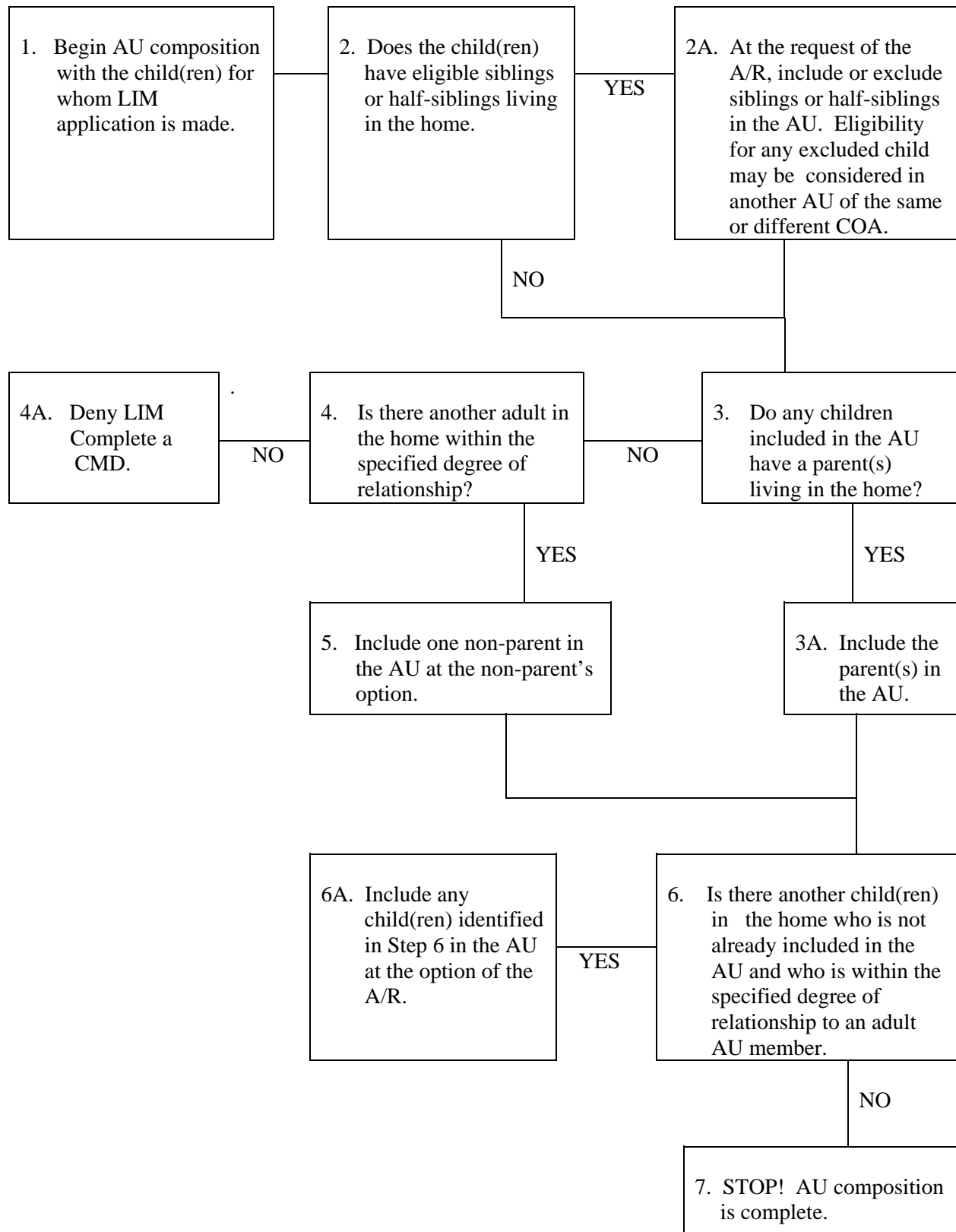


2610 - LOW INCOME MEDICAID ASSISTANCE UNITS

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| POLICY STATEMENT | The Low Income Medicaid (LIM) Assistance Unit (AU) includes individuals for whom Medicaid is requested and for whom Medicaid coverage is available. |
| BASIC CONSIDERATIONS | <p>A child must be related to and living in the home with a specified relative in order to be included in the AU. The natural or adoptive parent(s) of a child for whom LIM has been requested must be included in the AU unless the parent receives SSI, is ineligible or penalized.</p> <p>The A/R may voluntarily exclude a child and his/her income and resources from the LIM AU.</p> <p>An A/R may choose to exclude a child(ren) from a LIM AU. An excluded child may be included in another Medicaid AU and/or BG of the same or different COA.</p> <p>A child eligible for Newborn Medicaid may be included or excluded from the LIM AU at the option of the A/R. If the child is included in the LIM AU, the child retains his/her Newborn Medicaid eligibility. If the AU becomes ineligible for LIM during the child's first thirteen months, beginning with the birth month, the child continues to be eligible for Newborn Medicaid, provided the child has continuously lived with the mother.</p> <p>A non-parent relative or child who does not meet an eligibility requirement is excluded from the AU. The income and resources of the excluded individual are also excluded.</p> <p>The needs of an individual included in a LIM AU may also be included in another Family Medicaid BG. If the individual's needs are included in another Family Medicaid BG, his/her income and, if applicable, his/her resources are considered in determining eligibility for the other BG.</p> |

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| <p>PROCEDURES</p> <p>Step 1</p> <p>Step 2</p> <p>Step 3</p> <p>Step 4</p> | <p>Follow the steps below to determine the composition of a LIM AU:</p> <p>Identify individuals living in the home.</p> <p>Exclude the following individuals from the AU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an individual who does not meet the citizenship/alienage requirement • an individual who is penalized for failure to meet the enumeration, cooperation with CSE or TPR requirement • an SSI recipient • anyone who does not meet a point of basic eligibility, such as age or relationship • any child(ren) whose inclusion makes another child ineligible <p>NOTE: Eligibility for an excluded child(ren) may be considered in separate AUs, of the same or different COA. Repeat Procedure Steps for each AU.</p> <p>Identify and include child(ren) for whom application is being made. Identify and include parents who have not been excluded in Step 2.</p> <p>Include the following individuals in the AU at the discretion of the A/R:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children within the specified degree of relationship to the adult making the application • one adult living in the home who is within the specified degree of relationship if there is no parent in the home or if the only parent in the home receives SSI. <p>If a child is added in Step 4, repeat Procedure Steps.</p> |
| <p>VERIFICATION</p> | <p>Accept the A/R's statement to determine who lives in the household, unless the information provided conflicts with other information available to the agency.</p> <p>Use one of the following sources if verification is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a statement from the landlord • a statement from a person outside the AU who has knowledge of the AU's situation • any other sources which verify the AU's statement. |
| <p>DOCUMENTATION</p> | <p>Document the following for each individual in the home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name of every individual and their relationship to the A/R • the reason the individual is or is not included in the AU. |

CHART 2610.1 - DETERMINING THE MEMBERS OF A LIM ASSISTANCE UNIT

Use the following chart to determine the composition of the LIM AU in special situations.

| CHART 2610.2 - DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF A LIM AU | |
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| SITUATION | TREATMENT |
| Adult is temporarily absent from the home because of treatment, training, or employment. | <p>Include the adult in the AU when all of the following conditions exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the absence is temporary, with a plan for treatment or training to return the adult to the home <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the adult continues to exercise care and control of the AU child(ren) <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the adult wants to be included in the AU during the absence. <p>NOTE: Treatment or training may be received at locations such as schools, general hospitals, private psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, and Job Corps facilities. This list is not all-inclusive.</p> <p>Exclude the adult from the AU if any of the following conditions exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the adult is incarcerated the adult is in a public institution. |
| Alien lives in the home. | Include the alien in the AU if s/he meets alien requirements and is required to be in the AU. Exclude if the alien requirements are not met. Refer to Section 2215, Citizenship/Alienage. |
| AU resides in a shelter. | Determine the AU composition of individuals residing in facilities such as homeless or battered women and children shelters as for any other group of related individuals who live together. |

| CHART 2610.2 - DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF A LIM AU (CONT.) | |
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| SITUATION | TREATMENT |
| <p>Biological parent lives in the home with the child who has been adopted AND the adoptive parent(s) is in the home.</p> | <p>Include the biological parent as a sibling only if both of the following conditions exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the biological parent is also the child (adoptive or natural) of the adoptive parent(s) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the biological parent meets the age requirements. <p>Adoption terminates the legal responsibility of a parent.</p> |
| <p>Biological parent lives in the home with the child who has been adopted AND the adoptive parent(s) is not in the home.</p> | <p>Include the biological parent as the specified relative if s/he is eligible and chooses to be included.</p> <p>Adoption terminates the legal responsibility as a parent.</p> |
| <p>Biological parent whose parental rights have been terminated lives in the home with the child and a specified relative.</p> | <p>Include either the biological parent or the specified relative as the caretaker relative.</p> <p>Termination of parental rights severs legal responsibility to be included as a parent; therefore, the specified relative or the biological parent can choose to be included in the AU.</p> <p>NOTE: If the home is shared with a person who is not within the specified degree of relationship to the child, only the biological parent may be included as the caretaker relative.</p> |
| <p>Both parents live in the home with a mutual child.</p> | <p>Include both parents in the AU.</p> <p>NOTE: The parents do not have to be married to each other.</p> <p>If the mother was legally married to another man at the time of the child's birth, exclude the biological father living in the home unless paternity is established. Refer to Section 2640, Paternity.</p> |

| CHART 2610.2 - DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF A LIM AU (CONT.) | |
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| SITUATION | TREATMENT |
| Child is absent from the home because of treatment or training. | <p>Include the child in the AU when all of the following conditions exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the absence is temporary, with a plan for treatment or training to return the child to the home <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the care and control of the dependent child continue to be the responsibility of the caretaker relative <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the caretaker or other eligible adult wants the child to be included in the AU. <p>NOTE: Treatment or training may be received at locations such as schools, general hospitals, private psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, and Job Corps facilities. This list is not all-inclusive.</p> <p>Exclude the child from the AU if any of the following conditions exists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is incarcerated, including placement in a detention facility. The child is placed in a public institution. The child is placed in a private residential childcare institution such as GA Baptist Children's Home, United Methodist Children's Home or GA Sheriffs Boys' Ranch. |
| Child is placed in a private residential childcare institution such as GA Baptist Children's Home, United Methodist Children's Home or GA Sheriffs Boys' Ranch. | Ineligible for LIM. Complete a CMD. |
| Child lives with an individual who has legal custody and who is not within the degree of relationship. | Ineligible for LIM. Complete a CMD. |

| CHART 2610.2 - DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF A LIM AU (CONT.) | |
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| SITUATION | TREATMENT |
| Couple lives together AND they are not married AND there is no eligible mutual child(ren) but each has a child. | Determine eligibility as separate AUs. |
| Dependent child is in and out of the home. | Include the dependent child in the AU when the absence is to be temporary and care and control of the dependent child remains with the A/R. |
| Individual is required to be in multiple AUs. | Combine all individuals involved into one AU if an individual is required by policy to be in more than one AU. |
| Married couple has no eligible mutual child(ren) but each has a child. | Determine the option that is most advantageous to the family. Combine into one AU or make separate AUs. |
| Minor parent (no spouse) lives in the home with his/her parents. | <p>Include the minor parent as a dependent child if one of the following conditions exists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minor's sibling(s) are included in the AU. • The minor's parent chooses to be included as a caretaker. <p>NOTE: The AU may choose to include or exclude the minor's child.</p> <p>Include the minor parent as caretaker if the minor lives with his/her parent(s) who does not receive LIM for the minor's sibling(s).</p> |

| CHART 2610.2 - DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF A LIM AU (CONT.) | |
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| SITUATION | TREATMENT |
| Minor parent and his/her spouse live in the home with her parents. | <p>Include the minor parent as a dependent child if one of the following conditions exists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minor's sibling(s) are included in the AU. • The minor's parent(s) are included as a caretaker. <p>DO NOT include the minor's spouse in the AU unless his/her child is included in the AU. Consider his/her income in determining eligibility. Refer to Section 2661, Responsibility Budgeting.</p> <p>NOTE: The AU may choose to include or exclude the minor's child.</p> <p>Include the minor as a caretaker if the minor lives with his/her parent(s) who does not receive LIM for the minor's sibling. Include the minor's spouse in the AU if s/he is the parent of the minor's child and the child is deprived.</p> |
| Parent is in and out of the home | <p>Include a parent who appears to reside in the home based on any of the following indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent has no other residence. • The parent lists the home as his/her address. • The parent shares in household expenses. <p>Exclude a parent who appears to visit the home based on any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent does not share in household expenses. • The parent has a specific time frame for his/her visits. • The parent maintains another residence. <p>NOTE: Thoroughly document the case record to substantiate the exclusion/inclusion of the parent.</p> |
| Only dependent child(ren) receives SSI | <p>Determine the child's eligibility on all points other than financial need.</p> <p>Include only the eligible caretaker and other eligible adult (if applicable) in the AU.</p> <p>NOTE: The income/resources of a SSI child(ren) are not considered when determining LIM eligibility.</p> |

| CHART 2610.2 - DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF A LIM AU (CONT.) | |
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| SITUATION | TREATMENT |
| Parents live in the home with the child(ren) and a specified relative who has legal custody of the child(ren) (parental rights have not been terminated). | <p>Include the parent in the AU as the caretaker relative.</p> <p>Designate the relative with legal custody as the responsible party if it is not in the best interest for the parent to be the responsible party.</p> |
| Roomer or boarder lives with the AU. | Determine the AU composition without regard to others living with the AU and paying a fee for food and/or shelter. |
| Stepparent lives in the home AND the stepparent has no children of his own living in the home. | <p>Include the stepparent in the AU (at the stepparent's option) if one of the following situations exists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is no parent living in the home • the parent in the home receives SSI. <p>Exclude the stepparent if a non-SSI parent lives in the home. Consider a portion of the stepparent's income. Refer to Section 2661, Responsibility Budgeting.</p> |