

MPW BUDGETING

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I. POLICY RULE

A. Pregnant Woman Eligibility

1. A pregnant woman is eligible if the countable monthly income of the budget unit is equal to or less than 185% of the Poverty Income Level for the Needs Unit. Refer to MA-3305, MAF, MIC, HSF Budgeting, for evaluating a pregnant woman under MAF/MIC.
2. 185% of the Poverty Income Level

NO. OF PEOPLE	185% MONTHLY POVERTY
In the Needs Unit	Income Level
	Effective 04-01-2013
2	\$2,392
3	3,011
4	3,631
5	4,251
6	4,871
7	5,490
8	6,110
For each additional member add:	\$620

B. Countable Income Greater than Poverty Income Level

If the countable net monthly income is greater than 185% of the Poverty Income Level, the assistance unit is ineligible under the M-PW aid program/category.

C. Evaluation for M-AF

If the pregnant woman is ineligible due to excess income, evaluate the pregnant woman under the M-AF medically needy aid program/category.

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D. Combining Assistance Units

Never combine an M-PW assistance unit with any other assistance unit.

II. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Certain persons have financial responsibility.

A. Spousal Responsibility

Spouse-for-spouse financial responsibility applies except when one spouse receives Work First, SSI or CAP. Count a spouse's income as available to a spouse in an assistance unit when they live together or when one is temporarily absent for 12 months or less. The temporary absence may include but is not limited to temporary absence in long-term care. To determine the number of months, begin counting the calendar months from the first month the pregnant woman is separated from her spouse.

B. Do Not Apply Parental Financial Responsibility to the Pregnant Woman.

III. BUDGETING FOR M-PW

A. Exclusions from Budget and Needs Units

1. Never include a beneficiary who receives Work First, SSI, CAP, IAS, or HSF in the budget unit or the needs unit.
2. Never include the putative father of the unborn child in the budget unit or the needs unit.

B. Assistance Unit

The assistance unit consists of only the pregnant woman.

C. Budget Unit

1. Pregnant woman, and
2. Unborn child(ren), and

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3. Spouse of the pregnant woman if:
 - a. He lives with the pregnant woman or is temporarily absent (Refer to II.A), and
 - b. Does not receive Work First, SSI or CAP.

D. Needs Unit

1. If an individual in the budget unit has children not included in the assistance unit, make an allowance for the needs of these children by including these children in the Needs Unit.
2. To determine the number of individuals in the Needs Unit, add to the number in the budget unit the number of children not included in the assistance unit who:
 - a. Are under 21, and
 - b. Are living in the home or temporarily absent, and
 - c. Have a parent(s) who is in the budget unit, and
 - d. Do not receive Work First, SSI, IAS, HSF, or CAP, and
 - e. Are not now and have never been legally married, and
 - f. Are not now serving or have never served in the military, and
 - g. Have not been legally emancipated.
3. Do not count the income of these non-assistance unit children. Use this number when comparing the budget unit's income to the appropriate Poverty Income Level.

IV. DETERMINATION OF INCOME ELIGIBILITY

A. Gross Income Test

1. Determine the budget unit's countable gross monthly income for the base period. Refer to [MA-3300](#), Income.
2. Compare the countable gross monthly income to the 185% Poverty Income Level for the number in the Needs Unit.
3. If the countable gross monthly income is equal to or less than the Poverty Income Level, the assistance unit is eligible under M-PW, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

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4. If the countable gross monthly income is greater than the Poverty Income Level, do the Net Countable Income Test. See B.

B. Net Countable Income Test

Refer to [MA-3300](#), Income, to determine net countable income.

1. Determine the budget unit's net countable monthly income for the base period.
2. Compare the countable net monthly income to the 185% Poverty Income Level for the Needs Unit.
3. If the countable net monthly income is equal to or less than the Poverty Income Level, the assistance unit is eligible under M-PW, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
4. If the countable net monthly income is greater than the Poverty Income Level, the assistance unit is ineligible for M-PW. Evaluate under another aid program/category. See [MA-3305](#), [M-AF](#), [M-IC](#), [H-SF](#), [Budgeting](#). If there is earned income, also refer to [MA-3300](#), [Income](#). Earned income deductions may vary with different aid program/categories.