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SSI Medicaid Eligibility

In New Jersey, many individuals with IDD get Medicaid by applying for Social Security Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at age 18, at which time the person is considered to be an adult by the Social Security Administration. When the person with IDD is an adult, Social Security only evaluates their monthly income and resources/assets, excluding any other people in the household. If the person with IDD is approved for SSI, they will receive a monthly payment and automatically be approved for Medicaid coverage, without needing to submit a separate Medicaid application. As long as the person remains enrolled on SSI and is receiving a monthly payment, their Medicaid coverage will remain active. But a person must have little or no monthly income, and their resources/assets must be under \$2,000, excluding an ABLE account or Special Needs Trust.

This document explains SSI in New Jersey for 2025:
<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11148.pdf>.

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