**Section 118.300 Widows and Widowers**

Individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible, without regard to income eligibility requirements, for medical assistance under the Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled (AABD) Program.

a) Disabled widows and widowers who:

1) were entitled to benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act (SSA) for December 1983;

2) were entitled to and received SSA disabled widow's/widower's benefits for January 1984;

3) are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or State Supplemental Payment (SSP) due to the increase in widow's or widower's benefits;

4) have been continuously entitled to widow's or widower's benefits since the first month of the benefit increase; and

5) would be eligible for SSI and/or SSP if the amount of the increase and any subsequent cost of living adjustments in widow's or widower's benefits were disregarded.

b) Widows and Widowers receiving early benefits who:

1) are eligible for and receiving early widow's or widower's benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act;

2) are not entitled to Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) as determined by the Social Security Administration; and

3) received SSI but are now ineligible for SSI benefits or SSP because of receipt of Title II benefits.

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