Census Bureau Employment and Wages

Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Apple Health

Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities is countable when determining eligibility for Apple Health. However, income only needs to be reported when it is over $150 per month and expected to continue for more than two months. Individuals have the option to report their actual monthly earnings or take an average if the income is received infrequently. Because census bureau income is received infrequently, an annual average can be appropriate to calculate this income over the individual’s certification period.

Note: Individuals receiving Apple Health for families and caretaker relatives remain eligible for up to 12 months of coverage under the medical extension program when household earnings exceed current program limits. In addition, the provisions for up to 12 months of continuous eligibility for coverage under the children and pregnancy programs remain intact.

Classic or non-MAGI Apple Health

Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities do not count when determining eligibility for most Apple Health programs that are not based on MAGI rules, such as health care for individuals, who:

- Receive Supplemental Security Income
- Are eligible for Medicare
- Because of household income, are eligible only for medically needy (MN) coverage
- Are enrolled in the Apple Health for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) program

Note: This exclusion of wages does not apply when determining eligibility for programs based on ‘institutional rules’ that use the special income level (SIL) rules, such as the Home and Community Based (HCB) programs.