

## Social Security Administration

## §416.1266

(2) Has not, since December 1973, been ineligible for an SSI benefit for a period exceeding 6 consecutive months. An SSI benefit means a Federal benefit only; it does not include any State supplementation.

(b) For purposes of this section, an individual will cease to reside continuously in a State if he leaves the State with the present intention to abandon his home there. In the absence of evidence to the contrary,

(1) If an individual leaves the State for a period of 90 calendar days or less, his absence from the State will be considered temporary and he will be considered to continue to reside in such State; and

(2) If an individual leaves the State for a period in excess of 90 calendar days, he will no longer be considered to reside continuously in such State.

(c) *State plan; defined.* As used in this subpart, *an approved State plan as in effect in October 1972* and *State plan for October 1972* means a State plan as approved under the provisions of 45 CFR Ch. II as in effect in October 1972.

[41 FR 47424, Oct. 29, 1976, as amended at 52 FR 29841, Aug. 12, 1987]

### §416.1261 Application of special resource provision.

In determining the resources of an individual (and spouse, if any) who meets the conditions specified in §416.1260(a), either the State plan resource limit and exclusions (as specified in §416.1260) or the resource limit (as specified in §416.1205) and exclusions (as specified in §416.1210), whichever is most advantageous to the individual (and spouse, if any) will be used.

### §416.1262 Special resource provision applicable in cases involving essential persons.

(a) *Essential persons continuously meet criteria of eligibility.* In determining the resources of an individual (and spouse, if any) who meet the conditions specified in §416.1260 and whose payment standard is increased because such individual has in his home an essential person (as defined in §416.222), either the State plan resource limit and exclusions (as specified in §416.1260) applicable to cases in which the needs of an essential person are taken into ac-

count in determining the individual's needs, or the resource limit as specified in §416.1205 and exclusions as specified in §416.1210, whichever is most advantageous to the individual (and spouse), will be used.

(b) *Essential person fails to meet criteria of eligibility.* If for any month after December 1973 a person fails to meet the criteria for an essential person as specified in §416.222, in determining the resources of an individual (and spouse, if any) either the State plan resource limit and criteria as specified in §416.1260 applicable to the individual or individual and spouse, as the case may be, or the resource limit as specified in §416.1205 and exclusions as specified in §416.1210, whichever is most advantageous to the individual (and spouse), will be used.

[39 FR 33797, Sept. 20, 1974, as amended at 51 FR 10616, Mar. 28, 1986]

### §416.1264 Spouse ineligible under a State plan in December 1973.

In the case of an individual who meets the conditions specified in §416.1260 but whose spouse does not meet such conditions, whichever of the following is most advantageous for the individual (and spouse, if any) will be applied:

(a) The resource limitation and exclusions for an individual as in effect under the approved State plan for October 1972, or

(b) The resource limitation (as specified in §416.1205) and exclusions (as specified in §416.1210) for an individual and eligible spouse or an individual living with an ineligible spouse.

### §416.1266 Individual under special resource provision dies after December 1973.

Where only one person, either the eligible individual or the eligible spouse, meets the conditions specified in §416.1260 and that person dies after December 1973, the State plan resource limitation and exclusions will not be applied to determine the amount of resources of the surviving individual. The resource limitation (as specified in §416.1205) and exclusions (as specified in §416.1210) will be applied for the now eligible individual beginning with the