

# MAGI & Traditional Medical Assistance Applications: A Comparison

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## Overview

This job aid presents a comparison between the Medicaid Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) application and the Traditional Medical Assistance application that highlights the key differences between the two applications.

MAGI is concentrated around specific income budgeting methods, so different evidence is collected. Family and Children's MAGI product puts multiple individuals on the same case versus individuals having their own cases.

New functionality called Straight-through Processing is under development for MAGI application processing. NC FAST will run required checks on every new MAGI Medicaid application to determine if it can be processed without caseworker intervention. During Straight-through Processing an application may encounter "fallout points." If the application "falls out" at any stage, the caseworker must manually complete the application as described in the steps below. The end goal for MAGI applications that have successfully made it through the Straight-through Processing is to reach the Post Eligibility phase and then Case Assignment.

## MAGI vs. Traditional Medical Assistance Applications

This table highlights key differences between the MAGI and Traditional Medical Assistance Application to Case processes.

	TRADITIONAL	MAGI
Submitting an application	<p><b>Traditional</b></p> <p>Applications can derive from two sources: Electronic Pre-Assessment Screening Services (ePASS) or entry by a caseworker in NC FAST. When initially created, the Income Support</p>	<p><b>MAGI</b> applications can derive from three sources: Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM), Electronic Pre-Assessment Screening Service (ePASS), or entry by caseworker in NC FAST.</p> <p>When initially created, the Insurance Affordability Application Case (IAAC) status is Open.</p>

	application status is Submitted.	
Matching Clients	<p>Search for each client listed on the application. If the client is not registered in NC FAST, complete the registration from the Register Person link in the Shortcuts Panel.</p> <p>Perform the manual Match Client process for any applicants not matched during the automated process.</p>	<p>Search for each client listed on the application. If the client is not registered in NC FAST, complete the registration from the Register Person link in the Shortcuts Panel.</p> <p>If the system finds a match, (for example if Social Security Number (SSN) keyed in the Intelligent Evidence Gathering ( IEG) matches registered person SSN OR if first name/last name/DOB matches that of a registered person) it will automatically match the prospect with the registered person.</p>
Manage Evidence  <b>Note:</b> Evidence types vary between Traditional and MAGI applications.	Workers may need to resolve issues with evidence, edit existing evidence or add new evidence.	<p>Workers may need to resolve issues with evidence, edit existing evidence or add new evidence.</p> <p>Evidence brokering can map evidence between the Person page, Applications, and Integrated Cases. Refer to the MAGI Managing Incoming Evidence job aid. For further guidance, refer to <i>MAGI – Advanced Evidence Sharing (AES)</i> job aid and <i>Advanced Evidence Sharing (AES)</i> Fact Sheet.</p>
Check Eligibility	Navigate to the Eligibility Checks page then click the Check Eligibility button.	<p>Check eligibility from the Tab Actions Menu or the Eligibility Checks tab.</p> <p>View the eligibility results on the Eligibility Checks tab on the IAAC.</p>



Apply Changes	Click Apply Changes from the Page Actions Menu on the Evidence Dashboard.	Apply Changes is not an action that can be taken on an IAAC. Once the application is authorized, changes are applied to the evidence systematically.
Application Status	Once the program has been authorized or denied, the application status is Disposed.	Once the program has been authorized or denied, the application status is Closed.