

INCOME**S/CC DISREGARDS**

NOTE: This does not apply to V.A. Educational Grants which are part of the G.I. Bill and which provide a monthly allowance for support while veterans are enrolled in school. Only specific education-related expenses such as tuition, books, school fees, transportation, etc., are exempt for recipients of G.I. Bill educational money. The remainder is considered available unearned income in determining eligibility for Medicaid.

SUPPORT PAYMENTS - The first \$50 of current support payments in any month including support payments collected and paid to the family by the local district;

U.S. Census – Earnings from census employment;

TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE (TRA) – TRA benefits are paid as part of Unemployment Benefits (UIB). When an A/R loses his/her job as the result of import competition, s/he may qualify for a TRA allowance. When an A/R is receiving a TRA allowance, as part of his/her UIB, for transportation and/or books for the purpose of attending training, the TRA benefit is exempt;

VIETNAM VETERANS – Agent Orange Settlement fund - Payments from the Agent Orange Settlement Fund or any other fund established pursuant to the Agent Orange product liability litigation, and payments from court proceedings brought for personal injuries sustained by veterans resulting from exposure to dioxin or phenoxy herbicide in connection with the war in Indochina in the period of January 1, 1962 through May 7, 1975;

Children - Monthly allowances paid to certain Vietnam Veteran's Children with Spina Bifida;

VISTA - Payments received by VISTA volunteers under Part A of Title I of Public Law 93-113 (VISTA) are disregarded as income and resources in determining eligibility and degree of need, provided that all of the VISTA payment is to be counted as income when the Director of the ACTION agency determines that the value of all such payments, adjusted to reflect the number of hours such volunteers are serving, is equivalent to or greater than the minimum wage;

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PAYMENTS - Payments received

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by participants in volunteer programs under Title II of P.L. 93-113 (Domestic Volunteer Services Act of 1973). These include: retired senior volunteer, foster grandparent, senior companion and senior health aid programs. Payments made in the form of stipends, allowances and/or reimbursements for incurred expenses are disregarded when determining Medicaid eligibility.

Payments received by participants in volunteer programs established under Title III of P.L. 93-133. These include the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Active Corps of Executives (ACE) programs;

WORK EXPENSE - \$90 work expense from earned income (see page 222).

References:

- SSL Sect. 366.2
366.3
- Dept. Reg. 352.22
360-4.6(a)(1)
360-4.6(a)(3)
- ADMs OMM/ADM 97-2
97 ADM-23
94 ADM-10
92 ADM-43
92 ADM-42
92 ADM-32
- ADMs 92 ADM-11
91 ADM-8
90 ADM-3
84 ADM-21
84 ADM-1
81 ADM-38
- INFs 95 INF-30
94 INF-7
90 INF-33
- LCMs 95 LCM-53
92 LCM-120
- GISs 98 MA/017

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Interpretation: The kinds of income listed previously are not considered in determining eligibility for Medicaid for the S/CC category. Only available income is counted in the determination of eligibility. Page 388 discusses availability of income in more detail.

Documentation: The source and amount of income disregards are documented in the case record and a notation is made that this income is not to be considered in determining eligibility for Medicaid.

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INCOME**SINGLES/CHILDLESS COUPLES (S/CC) BUDGETING METHODOLOGY**

Policy: Single individuals or childless couples who are: (1) at least age 21, but not yet 65; (2) not certified blind or certified disabled; (3) not pregnant; and (4) not caretaker relatives of children under age 21 are determined eligible for Medicaid using the S/CC budgeting methodology.

References:

SSL Sect.	366.1(a)
Dept. Reg.	352 360-4.6 370
ADMs	OMM/ADM 97-2 97 ADM-21

Interpretation: Eligibility using S/CC budgeting is determined as follows:

- (1) determine the monthly income of the person or household as described on page 443. Certain kinds of income are disregarded in whole or in part (see page 210);
- (2) compare the monthly income to 185% of the Public Assistance Standard of Need (see page 220). If the income exceeds 185% of the Public Assistance Standard of Need, the A/R is not eligible for Medicaid. If the monthly income is equal to or less than 185% of the Public Assistance Standard of Need; then
- (3) compare the monthly income to 100% of the federal poverty level. If the income exceeds 100% of the federal poverty level, the A/R is not eligible for Medicaid. If the monthly income is equal to or less than 100% of the federal poverty level; then
- (3) deduct the \$90 work expense disregard;
- (5) deduct mandatory items from unearned income;
- (6) deduct that part of income from self-employment or a small business as described on page 72 of this guide. Depreciation, personal business and entertainment expenses, personal transportation, personal income tax, purchase of capital equipment and payment on the principal of loans are not excluded or disregarded;