

## RESOURCES

### SSI-RELATED RESOURCE DISREGARDS

**Policy:**

Not all of the resources available to an A/R are counted when determining his/her financial eligibility for Medicaid. Certain types and amounts of resources are disregarded. After these resources are disregarded, what remain are the A/R's countable resources. All countable resources are compared to the appropriate resource level. (See **REFERENCE MEDICAID RESOURCE LEVEL**)

The following is a list of disregarded resources:

*AUTOMOBILES* - Essential personal property including one automobile if in use by the A/R or a member of his/her household. A second vehicle may be exempt when there is a medical need for it, or the automobile is needed for employment-related activities or a Plan for Achieving Self-Support. (See **RESOURCES ESSENTIAL PERSONAL PROPERTY AUTOMOBILES AND OTHER VEHICLES**) If an automobile is not in use it loses its exempt status and the full equity value of the automobile is a countable resource.

*BLOOD PLASMA SETTLEMENTS* - Payments received as a result of a federal class action settlement with four manufacturers of blood plasma products on behalf of hemophilia patients who are infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

*BURIAL FUNDS* - When the A/R does not have an irrevocable pre-need funeral agreement (See **RESOURCES PRE-NEEDED FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** or has less than \$1,500 designated for non-burial space items in the funeral agreement. The A/R may set aside up to \$1,500 as a burial fund. A \$1,500 burial fund may also be exempt for the A/R's spouse (See **RESOURCES BURIAL FUNDS**).

*BURIAL SPACES* - Items customarily and traditionally used for the remains of deceased persons (See **RESOURCES BURIAL SPACES**). Burial space items included in the A/R's irrevocable pre-need funeral agreement are exempt. Certain