

INCOME**SSI-RELATED DISREGARDS**

Description: Disregards of income are not considered in whole or in part in determining eligibility for Medicaid.

Policy: The following types of income are disregarded in the determination of income for Medicaid: (See **REFERENCE INCOME DISREGARDS** for chart)

AMERICORPS - Child care allowances and other benefits and services including payments for living expenses provided by Americorps VISTA.

Child care allowances and all other benefits and services except payments for living expenses, provided by Americorps USA and Americorps NCCC.

ASSISTANCE BASED ON NEED - Any regular cash assistance payments based on need received by the A/R and furnished as supplemental income by the federal government, a State or political subdivision.

Support and maintenance assistance based on need and furnished either in-kind by a private non-profit agency or in cash or in-kind by one of the following: a supplier of home heating oil or gas, an entity whose revenues are primarily derived on a rate-of-return basis regulated by a State or Federal governmental entity or a municipal utility providing home energy.

Money paid by a third party directly to a vendor except for food, clothing and shelter.

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).

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BONA FIDE LOAN - A bona fide loan received by the A/R from an institution or person not legally liable for the support of the A/R. The loan may be an oral or written agreement, signed by the A/R and the lender. The written agreement must indicate: the A/R's intent to repay the loan within a specific time; and how the loan is to be repaid, by specific real or personal property, held as collateral, or from future income.

BURIAL FUNDS/BURIAL ARRANGEMENT (EXCLUDED) - Interest earned on excluded burial funds and appreciation in the value of an excluded burial arrangement.

CASH ASSISTANCE INCOME - Any income of a cash assistance recipient in the A/R's Medicaid household. However, any room/board received by an SSI-related A/R from a cash assistance recipient, who is living in the A/R's home but is not in the A/R's Medicaid household, is countable room/board income to the SSI-related A/R. Appropriate room/board deductions are allowed to determine countable roomer/boarder income.

CERTIFIED BLIND OR CERTIFIED DISABLED CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS - One third of any support payments received by a certified blind or certified disabled child from an absent parent.

CERTIFIED BLIND REASONABLE WORK-RELATED EXPENSES - For persons who are certified blind all remaining reasonable work-related expenses including mandatory retirement deductions after the other disregards. (See **INCOME SSI-RELATED BUDGETING METHODOLOGY BLIND WORK EXPENSES**)

CHILD CARE SERVICES PAYMENTS- Payments made by the A/R for child care services or the value of any child care services provided by the A/R to a recipient of employment-related and JOBS-related child care services. Transitional child care services, at-risk low income child care services or child care and development block grant services.

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CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE PAYMENTS - For SSI-related children, child support arrearage payments are unearned income to the child in the month the payment is received. One-third of the amount of the child support payment is excluded. If payment is made for several children, a per capita portion of the payment is calculated as unearned income to the SSI-related child.

CRIME VICTIMS' FUND PAYMENTS - Payments received from a fund established by a state to aid victims of crime.

DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - Any federal major disaster and emergency assistance provided under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-288), as amended by the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Amendments of 1988 (P.L. 100-107), and any comparable disaster assistance provided by states, local governments, and disaster assistance organization.

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DIVIDEND/INTEREST INCOME – (See **INCOME INTEREST/DIVIDEND**)

DONATED FOODS - The value of federally donated foods.

EARNED INCOME - The first \$65 of earned income or the first \$65 of a couple's combined earned income and ½ of the remainder after any impairment related work expenses.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT PAYMENTS - Including any federal child tax credit payments and any advance payment of earned income tax credit made by an employer.

EXPENSES OF OBTAINING INCOME - Income does not include that part of a payment that is an essential expense incurred in receiving the payments (legal fees, and other expenses connected with a claim).

FEDERAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.

FEDERAL OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 - Any assistance (other than wages or salaries) provided to an individual under the federal Older Americans Act of 1965. Green Thumb assistance is countable if wages or salaries; other Green Thumb assistance is disregarded.

FEDERAL RELOCATION ASSISTANCE - Any payment received under Title II of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

FOOD STAMPS - The value of food stamps.

FOSTER CARE - Payments received by foster parents for foster care children.