

## INCOME

### SSI-RELATED DISREGARDS

assistance payments (not federal or federally assisted funds) for 9 months following the month of receipt.

*REPLACEMENT OF ASSISTANCE ALREADY PAID* - Replacement of assistance already paid, such as a lost or stolen check.

*RETROACTIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE SSI PROGRAM.*

*ROOM/BOARD (LODGER) INCOME* - The first \$90 per month of any income from each boarder or roomer (lodger). If the A/R can document that the actual expenses incurred in providing the room or board exceeds the \$90 per month, actual documented expenses are disregarded.

*STATE OR LOCAL RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS* - State or local relocation assistance payments received on or after May 1, 1991. The payments must be comparable to payments under Title II of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

*STUDENTS' INCOME* –

**Earned Income** – The allowable monthly and annual income effective in January each year can be found in the REFERENCE DISREGARDS, SSI-DISREGARDS STUDENT INCOME. The amount is the earned income allowed to be earned by a student under 22 years of age (regardless if s/he is married or the head of a household) who is regularly attending a school, college, university, or a course of vocational or technical training.

**Educational-Related Income** - Any portion of a grant, scholarship, fellowship or gift used to pay the cost of tuition and other education-related fees at any educational (including technical or vocational) institution. This disregard does not apply to any portion set aside or actually used for food, clothing or shelter.

When an A/R is in receipt of a graduate assistantship, the local district receives verification from the financial aid office involved to determine if the assistantship is considered employment or an educational grant. If the assistantship is a grant, it is treated as outlined in the previous paragraph.

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When the assistantship is considered employment, the A/R receives any appropriate earned income disregards (See **INCOME SSI-RELATED DISREGARDS**), but additional deductions for educational expenses are not allowed.

**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.

**School Meals** - The value of free school meals.

**Student Loans** - Student loans received by a graduate or undergraduate student.

*SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)*- Any SSI payments received by the A/R.

*SUPPORT PAYMENTS* - The first \$100 of current total household support payments, including child support and alimony, in any month including support payments collected and paid to the family by the local district.

*THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PAYMENTS* - Insurance payments paid directly to a third party such as a loan company or a bank to cover loan or installment payments in case of death or disability (example: mortgage insurance).

*TITLE III, FEDERAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT* - Any loan made to a family under Title III of the Federal Economic Opportunity Act.

*UNEARNED INCOME* - Only one \$20 disregard is permitted per month per couple. A certified blind or a certified disabled child living with parents is entitled to a separate \$20 disregard from his/her total unearned income. If an A/R's unearned income is under \$20, the balance will be deducted from earned income.

*U.S. CENSUS* - Earnings from census employment.

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*VETERANS* - Payments to veterans for Aid & Attendance (A&A) or payments for Unusual Medical Expenses (UME).

*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 Veterans' Children with Spina Bifida.

*VISTA* - Payments received by VISTA volunteers.

*VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ACT* - Any payments made under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

*VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PAYMENTS* - Payments received 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 aide 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.

*WIC PROGRAM* - The value of benefits under the WIC program.

<b>References:</b>	SSL Sect.	366.2 366.3
	Dept. Reg.	352.22 360-4.6(a)(1) 360-4.6(a)(2)

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**Interpretation:** The types of income listed previously are not considered in determining eligibility for Medicaid for the SSI-related category. Only available income is counted in the determination of eligibility. **OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OWNERSHIP AND AVAILABILITY** 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.