

INCOME

SSI-RELATED DISREGARDS

FREE MEALS - The value of free meals, other than school meals, except when more than one meal a day is furnished or when the A/R receives an allowance for meals away from home.

GI BILL DEDUCTION - That portion of a military person's pay which is deducted by mandate to help fund the GI Bill.

GARDEN PRODUCE OR LIVESTOCK - The value of produce from a garden or livestock when used exclusively by the A/R and members of his/her household.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

HOSTILE FIRE PAY - Income from hostile fire pay (pursuant to Section 310 of Title 37 US Code) received while in active military service.

HUD COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANTS - Any funds received by an A/R under the Department of Housing and Urban Development community block grants.

INCOME TAX REFUNDS –Any income tax refund or federal advance payment received by an A/R is disregarded as income in the month received.

INFREQUENT OR IRREGULAR INCOME – The first \$30 of earned income and the first \$60 of unearned income in a *calendar quarter* if it is received infrequently or irregularly. Income is infrequent if it is received only once in a calendar quarter from a single source. It is irregular if the A/R could not reasonably expect to receive it or budget for it due to its unpredictability. If the amount of infrequent or irregular income in a month exceeds \$30 or \$60, as applicable, the exclusion still applies. The dollar amount of the exclusion does not increase even if both an individual and spouse have infrequent or irregular income.

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IMPAIRMENT-RELATED WORK EXPENSES - For certified disabled Medicaid A/Rs, non-medical, impairment-related work expenses (See **INCOME SSI-RELATED BUDGETING METHODOLOGY IMPAIRMENT-RELATED WORK EXPENSES**)

INTEREST/DIVIDEND INCOME - From most resources is disregarded. (See **INCOME DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST** for a list of resources which generate interest/dividend income that is countable for SSI-related A/Rs.)