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**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Earnings From Census Employment

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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This is to advise local districts of the appropriate treatment of census employment income received by Medicaid-only applicants/recipients (A/Rs).

For A/Rs eligible for Medicaid under the Low Income Families (LIF) or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (ADC)-related categories of assistance, census employment income is exempt. This is based on ADC policy in effect prior to July 16, 1996.

For A/Rs eligible for Medicaid as Single Individuals or Childless Couples, census employment income must be treated as earned income and budgeted with appropriate earned income disregards. This policy is consistent with the policy used in the Safety Net Assistance Program.

Consistent with the policy used in the Supplemental Security Income program (SSI), census employment income is also treated as earned income for SSI-related A/Rs.