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REFERENCE INCOME

LIF BUDGETING METHODOLOGY EARNED INCOME DISREGARD

A full explanation of the Earned Income Disregard is found in the **INCOME** <u>LIF</u> <u>BUDGETING METHODOLOGY</u>.

The earned income disregard is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the poverty level:

Year	Percentage
Effective June 1, 2004	53%
Effective June 1, 2005	54%
Effective June 1, 2006	55%
Effective June 1, 2007	57%
Effective June 1, 2008	28% *

^{*} The 2008 level is adjusted downward to reflect the substantial increase in the Medicaid Standard.