

INCOME**S/CC 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 gross monthly 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.

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 must be a 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. The loan remains an exempt resource as long as it retains the characteristics of a bona fide loan. Any interest accrued by the A/R is considered unearned income in the month received.

CASH ASSISTANCE INCOME - Any income of a cash assistance recipient in the A/R's household. However, any room/board such cash assistance recipient may pay to an S/CC A/R is countable, after applicable disregards (i.e., \$90-work expense (See **INCOME S/CC BUDGETING METHODOLOGY \$90 WORK EXPENSE DISREGARD**) and the \$60-boarder or \$15-roomer disregard. (See **INCOME S/CC DISREGARDS**)

CHILDCARE INCOME - Five dollars a day per child for a A/R who provides family day care for children other than his/her own is disregarded from the total amount of childcare payments

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received.

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

Payments received from Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE PAYMENTS – Child support arrearage payments received by the A/R are not counted if the child is not a member of the MA case and/or the child is over 21 and/or not residing in the household.

DONATED FOODS - The value of federally donated foods.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT PAYMENTS.

EMERGENCY SAFETY NET PAYMENTS.

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

FEDERAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.

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

FOSTER PARENT PAYMENTS - Payments received for a child boarded out in the home of a recipient by an agency or a relative of the child.

FOOD STAMPS - The value of food stamps.

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.

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.

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

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

INCOME TAX REFUNDS – Any income tax refund received by an A/R is disregarded in the month received and considered an exempt resource in the following month.

JOB CORPS - Money received by a family based on the enrollment of a child in the Job Corps.

NATIVE AMERICAN PAYMENTS - Seneca Nation Settlement Act payments made by the State and Federal governments, under P.L. 101-503, to the Seneca Nation.

Distribution to Native Americans of funds appropriated in satisfaction of judgments of the Indian Claims Commission or the United States Court of Federal Claims. This includes up to \$2,000 per year of income for interests of individual Native Americans in trust or restricted lands, from funds appropriated in satisfaction of the Indian Claims Commission or the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) distributions - The following distributions from a native corporation formed pursuant to ANCSA are exempt as income or resources:

- a. cash, to the extent that it does not, in the aggregate, exceed \$2,000 per individual per year;
- b. stock;