

RESOURCES

TIME LIMITED SSI-RELATED RESOURCE DISREGARDS

Policy:

Certain resources, available to an A/R, are disregarded for a limited time period. When the period has expired, these resources are reviewed to determine their value and availability. All countable resources are compared to the appropriate resource level.

The following is a list of resources which are disregarded for a limited time period:

AID AND ATTENDANCE, RETROACTIVE VETERANS BENEFITS - Moneys from Retroactive Veterans Benefits Awards for Aid and Attendance, unusual medical expenses and/or House-bound Allowances, are **disregarded** in the month received and the following month.

CASH PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES OR SOCIAL SERVICES - Certain cash payments that enable A/Rs to pay for medical services or social services are disregarded in the month received and for nine (9) months following the month of receipt.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT PAYMENTS (including federal child tax credit payments and any advanced earned income credit made by an employer) - Moneys from Earned Income Tax Credit payments are disregarded in the month **received and for nine (9) months following the month of receipt.**

EDUCATIONAL-RELATED RESOURCES - **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 are disregarded in the month received and for nine (9) months following the month of receipt. This resource disregard does not apply to any portion set aside or actually used for food, clothing or shelter.**

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INSURANCE PAYMENTS - Moneys from insurance payments for the purpose of repairing a disregarded resource, which was lost, damaged or stolen, are disregarded for nine (9) months following the month of receipt. An additional nine-month disregard can be given if the A/R has good cause not to have replaced the resource. Any interest received from such payments is also disregarded. If the A/R uses the insurance money to purchase a countable resource prior to the expiration of the nine or eighteen months, the value of the resource is countable.

INCOME TAX REFUNDS - Moneys from income tax refunds are **disregarded** in the month received and the following month.

REAL PROPERTY SALES - Moneys from the proceeds of the sale of real property are disregarded for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed six months, while the A/R reinvests the proceeds.

RETROACTIVE SSI, SOCIAL SECURITY AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFITS - Retroactive SSI, Social Security and **Railroad Retirement** benefits are **disregarded** resources for **nine (9)** months following the month of receipt.

STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE - Relocation assistance payments from a state or local government are **disregarded** from resources for nine (9) months following the month of receipt.

STATE VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE FUNDS - Payments from State Victims Assistance funds are exempt resources for nine (9) months following the month of receipt.

References:	ADMs	92 ADM-32 92 ADM-11
	GISs	04 MA/030 96 MA/028