

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

CHAPTER 200 – Income: Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Categories

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200.04 EXCLUSIONS FOR EARNED AND UNEARNED INCOME

An exclusion is an amount of income which does not count in determining Medicaid eligibility. Exclusions never reduce income below zero. There are three statutory exclusions that apply to both earned and unearned income.

NOTE: Income exclusions are not applicable in long term care budgeting. For individuals applying for long term care, the total income received in a month is counted as income in each month for which eligibility is being determined. For a full discussion, refer to the Institutionalization chapter.

200.04.01 \$50/\$20 PER MONTH GENERAL EXCLUSION

A general income exclusion of either \$50 or \$20 per month is applied based on whether the program operates under liberalized or strict SSI income policy.

200.04.01A LIBERALIZED POLICY

The general exclusion is \$50 for the programs subject to liberalized income policy:

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB)
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)
- Qualifying Individuals (QI)
- Working Disabled (WD)
- Healthier Mississippi Waiver

200.04.01B SSI POLICY

For coverage groups subject to strict SSI income policy, the general exclusion is \$20. This includes:

- SSI Retro
- Disabled Child Living at Home
- Qualified Working Disabled (QWDI)
- Disabled Adult Child (DAC)*
- Cost of Living (COL)*
- OBRA Widow/Widowers*
- HR-1*