

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

### **200.07.10 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Unemployment insurance benefits, also known as unemployment compensation, means payments received under a state or federal unemployment law and additional amounts paid by unions or employers as unemployment benefits.

Unemployment compensation is unearned income. A computer match with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) is completed at application and redetermination to check for receipt of these benefits.

### **200.07.11 WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Workers' Compensation (WC) payments are awarded to an injured employee and his/her survivor(s) under federal and state WC laws, such as the Longshoremen and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. The payments may be made by a federal or state agency, an insurance company or an employer.

- The WC payment less any expenses incurred in obtaining the payment is counted as unearned income.
- Any portion of a WC payment or award that the authorizing or paying agency designates for medical, legal or other expenses attributable to obtaining the WC award is not income. The expenses may be past, current or future. The WC payments designated for such expenses may be received in a lump sum or as a continuing payment.
- If an individual alleges having incurred expenses that exceed the amounts designated for expenses, or to which no amount was designated, the normal rules pertaining to the expenses of obtaining income apply.
- Requests for verification of WC payments are sent to state office for an on-line inquiry. DOM-333 may be used to provide pertinent information for the inquiry. If information from the on-line query conflicts with the client's statement or information provided by the client, contact with the paying agency may be necessary.

### **200.07.12 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)**

TANF provides a monetary grant to families under a program that uses income as a factor of eligibility and is partially funded by federal block grants.