

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

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

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

TANF payments are considered income based on need (IBON). If a Medicaid client is included in the TANF family unit, the client's share of the TANF grant is counted dollar for dollar as income and the \$50/\$20 general income exclusion does not apply.

In Mississippi, the maximum payment is made based on an incremental method (grant increases or decreases with changes in family size) as follows:

- \$110 for the first person
- \$36 for the second person
- \$24 for each additional person

### **Determining the Client's Share of the TANF Grant**

To determine the client's share of the grant, figure the difference between the grant actually paid and the payment without the client. If the maximum TANF grant is not being received, contact with DHS may be needed to determine the client's share. If the grant amount without including the client is the same or more, the client's share is zero.

### **Other TANF Payments**

TANF incentive payments, additional payments made as a reward for compliance with program requirements, are also IBON and the \$50/\$20 general income exclusion does not apply. Participation allowances for the TANF program are reimbursements.

There is no federal bar to simultaneous SSI/TANF eligibility; however, Mississippi, like most states, does not include SSI recipients' needs or income in the TANF grant.

### **200.07.13 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) GENERAL ASSISTANCE(GA)**

Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (BIA GA) is a federally funded program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) through its local agency or a tribe. The program makes periodic payments to needy Indians. The administering agency determines need according to the standards used by State welfare agencies for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). BIA GA payments are federally funded income based on need and, therefore, count as income on a dollar-for-dollar basis regardless of whether they are paid in cash or in kind. The \$50/\$20 per month general income exclusion does not apply.

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