

**MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID**  
**Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual**

**FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

**200.07.14B ADOPTION ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE IV-E**

Adoption assistance provided by states under Title IV-E involves federal funds and is needs based. Under IV-E, there is no income test for the adopting parents, but the children must be those who are, or could be, eligible for AFDC or SSI prior to adoption. Therefore, there is an income test for children who receive IV-E adoption assistance. Concurrent receipt of IV-E adoption assistance and SSI is permissible.

Adoption assistance cash payments made to adoptive parents under Title IV-E are federally-funded income based on need (IBON) to the adopted child. This income is not subject to the \$50/\$20 general income exclusion. The total payment is considered cash income to the adopted child and is counted dollar for dollar. Social services may be provided to the adoptive parents under Title IV-E, but they are not counted as income.

**200.07.14C OTHER TYPES OF ASSISTANCE**

The following chart lists other types of foster care and adoption assistance and their treatment.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>TREATMENT</b>
Foster Care Payments Under Title IV-B or Title XX	Not Income	Payments are social services.
Adoption Assistance through Title IV-B or Title XX	Not Income	Payments are social services.
Other Foster Care Payments	Unearned	These payments are subject to general policy pertaining to income and income exclusions.
Other Adoption Assistance Payments	Unearned	These payments are subject to general policy pertaining to income and income exclusions and may be income to the parent of child depending on the type of assistance.