

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

200.07.30 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Educational assistance is provided in many forms. Treatment will vary depending on the nature and sometimes the use of the assistance. Educational assistance may be earned or unearned and may be counted or excluded.

The following are specific types of educational assistance:

- VA Educational Benefits discussed at 200.09.09C;
- Assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965 or Bureau of Indian Affairs discussed at 200.09.28A;
- Grants, Scholarships, Fellowships and Gifts discussed at 200.09.28B;
- Educational Payments under AmeriCorps and the National Civilian Community Corps discussed at 200.09.42.

200.07.31 GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GIFTS

Grants, scholarships and fellowships are amounts paid by private nonprofit agencies, the US government, instrumentalities or agencies of the US, state and local governments, foreign governments and private concerns, e.g., a private citizen, to enable qualified individuals to further their education and training by scholastic or research work, etc.

As indicated earlier, a gift is something a person receives which is not repayment for goods or services provided and is not given by legal obligation on the giver's part. To be a gift, something must be irrevocably given.

Educational Expenses

Educational expenses include laboratory fees, student activity fees, transportation, stationery supplies, books, technology fees, and impairment-related expenses necessary to attend school or perform schoolwork, e.g., special transportation to and from classes, special prosthetic devices necessary to operate school machines or equipment, etc.