

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

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

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### **200.07.33 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND SHELTER PROGRAMS**

Through a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local boards, funds are provided to private nonprofit organizations and state and local governmental entities for providing emergency food and shelter to needy individuals. The entity receiving these funds decides how they will be best used (such as to buy beds and blankets, to stock a soup kitchen or pay an individual's rent.) The federal funds are not provided to meet ongoing basic needs.

Assistance involving FEMA is subject to general rules pertaining to income and income exclusions. It is neither IBON nor ABON. Assistance involving FEMA is most often provided in-kind by private nonprofit organizations and with state certification will qualify for exclusion as Home Energy Assistance and Support and Maintenance Assistance (HEA/SMA).

### **200.07.34 FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

The Federal Government through the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Housing Service (RHS), formerly the Farmers Home Administration, provides many forms of housing assistance including:

- Subsidized housing (such as, public housing, reduced rent, cash toward utilities);
- Loans for renovations;
- Loans for construction, improvement, or replacement of farm homes and other buildings;
- Mortgage or investment insurance; and
- Guaranteed loans and mortgages.

This assistance may be provided directly by the federal government or through other entities such as local housing authorities or nonprofit organizations.

The value of any assistance paid with respect to a dwelling unit is not counted as income or resources if paid under a program or project in which HUD or RHS is involved. "Section 8" housing is HUD housing assistance.