

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

200.07.37 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

Relocation assistance provided to persons displaced by governmental projects that acquire real property is not income. The following types of reimbursement, allowances and help are provided:

- Moving expenses;
- Reimbursement for losses of tangible property;
- Expenses of looking for a business or farm;
- Displacement allowances;
- Amounts required to replace a dwelling which exceed the agency's acquisition cost for the prior dwelling;
- Compensation for increased interest costs and other debt service costs of replacement dwelling (if it is encumbered by a mortgage);
- Expenses for closing costs (but not prepaid expenses) on replacement dwelling (if it is encumbered by a mortgage);
- Rental expenses for displaced tenants;
- Amounts for down payments on replacement housing for tenants who decide to buy;
- Mortgage insurance through Federal programs with waiver of requirements of age, physical condition, personal characteristics, etc., which borrowers must usually meet;
- Direct provision of replacement housing (as a last resort).

Federal or Federally-Assisted Projects

Relocation assistance provided under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act is not counted as income. This exclusion applies to relocation assistance provided to persons displaced by any federal or federally assisted project. Any federal assistance (except revenue sharing only) is sufficient to bring into play the federal statutes controlling acquisition of real property, requiring that relocation assistance be available and not counted as income. Federal relocation assistance is permanently excluded from resources. Interest earned on unspent payments is not excluded from income or resources.

State, Local or State-Assisted/Locally-Assisted Projects

Relocation assistance provided to persons displaced by any state, local or state-assisted/locally-assisted project is not counted as income. Unspent payments are excluded from resources for 9 months. Interest earned on unspent payments is not excluded from income or resources.