

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

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

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### **When to Count ISM**

ISM is counted as income in the month in which the individual has use of the food or shelter item, with the exception that a third party vendor payment received as a gift is income in the month in which the payment is made.

### **200.11.05A IN-KIND ITEMS PROVIDED AS REMUNERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT**

Wages may include the value of food and/or shelter (ISM), or other items received in lieu of cash for individuals in SSI-related categories. In-kind payment of food or shelter to the following people or under the following conditions is unearned income:

Agricultural employees

Domestic employees

Service not in the course of the employer's trade or business

Service by certain home workers

Members of the Uniformed Services

In the form of food and/or shelter which is on the employer's business premises for the employer's convenience and, if shelter, its acceptance by the employee is a condition of employment

This SSI policy principal applies only to SSI-related cases.

**NOTE:** If there are cases where it is questionable about whether ISM is countable as income in an SSI-related case, the case should be referred to state office for clearance.