

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

302.09.09F **GIFTS OF DOMESTIC AIRLINE TICKETS**

The value of a ticket for domestic travel received by an individual (or spouse) is not a resource if the ticket is:

- Received as a gift
- Not converted to cash, i.e., cashed in, sold, etc.
- Excluded from income

302.09.10 **IDENTIFYING EXCLUDED FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN CO-MINGLED WITH NON-EXCLUDED FUNDS**

Otherwise excludable funds must be identifiable in order to be excluded. This does not require them to be separate from other funds (such as in a separate bank account).

When withdrawals are made from co-mingled funds, always assume non-excludable funds are withdrawn first, leaving as much of the excluded funds in the account as possible.

If excluded funds are withdrawn, the excluded funds left in the account can only be added to by:

- Deposits of subsequent funds excluded under the same provision
- Excluded interest

One-Time Receipt and Deposit of Excluded Funds

Example: An individual deposits an \$800 retroactive RSDI check in a checking account. The account already contains \$300 in non-excluded funds.

- Of the new \$1,100 balance, \$800 is an excluded retroactive RSDI payment
- The individual withdraws \$300. The remaining \$800 is still excluded
- The individual withdraws another \$300, leaving the \$500 balance excluded
- The individual deposits \$500, creating a new \$1000 balance. Only \$500 of the new balance is excluded.