

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

### 303.01.05 CONSERVATOR ACCOUNTS

The term “conservatorship account” refers to a financial account in which a person or institution has been appointed by a court to manage and preserve the assets of an individual which are held in the account.

#### Treatment

Absent evidence to the contrary, the funds are available for the individual’s support and maintenance and are countable as that person’s resource. For verification of the account, refer to the court order establishing it.

**NOTE:** The fact that an individual has to petition the court for withdrawal of funds does not mean the funds may be assumed to be unavailable.

The denial of a request for withdrawal of funds by the court does not necessarily mean the funds in the account are unavailable for the individual’s support or maintenance.

A history of the petitions for and approvals and denials of funds may reveal the court approves petitions to withdraw funds to provide maintenance and support and only denies non-essential items or that the court’s denial of a request is the exception rather than the rule. In either instance, the funds are considered an available resource.

### 303.01.06 PATIENT ACCOUNTS

A nursing home patient account is a financial account set up by the nursing home for the convenience of the patient. These accounts are similar to a checking and/or savings account. The facility holds funds belonging to the patient for the patient’s use. For Medicaid purposes, a patient account is treated in the same manner as a checking or savings account.

### 303.01.07 CHARITABLE FUNDS BANK ACCOUNTS

Count the value of funds in an account set up to receive and hold charitable contributions (fundraisers) if the name of the applicant/recipient is on the account and the funds are available to the applicant/recipient for support and maintenance.