

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

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

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### **DEEMED INCOME (Continued)**

Deeming is based on the concept that a husband and wife (including “holding out” couples) and/or parents and child who live together have a responsibility for each other and share income and resources. Both SSI and Medicaid regulations require deeming in household situations.

#### **200.11.04A ALLOCATIONS**

It would not be equitable to deem the entire amount of an ineligible parent’s or spouse’s income to the eligible individual without some provision to permit the deemor to meet his own needs and those of ineligible children in the household. An allocation is an amount deducted from income subject to deeming which is considered to be set aside for the support of certain individuals other than the eligible individual. Based on this consideration, allocations are applied for the following:

- Ineligible parent(s); and
- Ineligible children in the household.

Application of these allocations reduces the amount of income available for deeming.

#### **200.11.04B DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE CHILD FOR DEEMING**

A child is someone who is neither married nor the head of a household and is:

- Under age 18 or
- Under age 22 and a student.

For deeming purposes, an eligible child is a natural or adopted child under age 18 who lives in the household with one or both parents, is not married and is eligible for or applying for ABD Medicaid. Deeming no longer applies beginning the month following the month the eligible child attains age 18.

**NOTE:** An individual attains a particular age on the day preceding the anniversary of his/her birth. Deeming applies in the month of attainment of age 18 regardless of whether the application filed that month is filed before or after the day of attainment.