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Chapter 05**

**16.03.05 - RULES GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR AID  
TO THE AGED BLIND AND DISABLED (AABD)**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, according to Sections 56-201 through 56-233, Idaho Code, adopts these rules for the administration of public assistance programs. (7-1-99)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

01. Title. These rules of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare are known and will be cited as IDAPA 16.03.05, "Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD)". (7-1-99)

02. Scope. These rules provide standards for issuing AABD cash benefits and related Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, the Department has written statements interpreting this chapter available for public inspection and copying at cost at the Regional Offices. (7-1-99)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

The participant can request a fair hearing to challenge a Department decision under IDAPA 16.05.03, Section 300, "Rules Governing Contested Cases Proceedings and Declaratory Rulings". (7-1-99)

**004. RULE AVAILABILITY.**

Copies of these rules are available from the Administrative Procedures Section, 10th Floor, Pete T. Cenarrusa Building - 450 West State Street, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036. (7-1-99)

**005. DEFINITIONS.**

These definitions apply to IDAPA 16.03.05, "Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD)": (7-1-99)

01. AABD Cash. A payment to a participant, a participant's guardian, or a holder of a limited power of attorney for EBT payments. (7-1-99)

02. Applicant. A person applying for public assistance from the Department, and whose application is not fully processed. (7-1-99)

03. Child. A child is under age eighteen (18), or under twenty-one (21) and attending school, college, university, or vocational or technical training designed to prepare him for gainful employment. A child is not married. A child is not the head of a household. (7-1-99)

04. Department. The Department of Health and Welfare. (7-1-99)

05. Direct Deposit. The electronic deposit of a participant's AABD cash to the participant's personal account with a financial institution. (7-1-99)

06. Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT). A method of issuing AABD cash to a participant, a participant's guardian or a holder of a limited power of attorney for EBT payments for a participant. EBT rules are in IDAPA 16.03.20, "Rules Governing Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) of Public Assistance and Food Stamps". (7-1-99)

07. Essential Person. A person of the participant's choice whose presence in the household is essential to the participant's well-being. The essential person provides services a participant needs to live at home. (7-1-99)

08. Medicaid. The Federally-aided program for medical care (Title XIX, Social Security Act).

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09. Medical Assistance Rules. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16.03.09, "Rules Governing Medical Assistance". (7-1-99)
10. Medicaid for Families with Children Rules. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16.03.01, "Rules Governing Eligibility for Medicaid for Families and Children". (7-1-99)
11. Participant. An individual applying for or receiving assistance. (7-1-99)
12. Sole Beneficiary. The only beneficiary of a trust, including a beneficiary during the grantor's life, a beneficiary with a future interest, and a beneficiary by the grantor's will. (7-1-99)
13. TAFI Rules. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16.03.08, "Rules Governing Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho". (7-1-99)
14. Working Day. A calendar day when regular office hours are observed by the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

**006. ABBREVIATIONS.**

01. AABD. Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled. (7-1-99)
02. AB. Aid to the Blind. (7-1-99)
03. AFA. Application for Assistance. (7-1-99)
04. APTD. Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled. (7-1-99)
05. ASVI. Alien Status Verification Index. (7-1-99)
06. COLA. Cost of Living Adjustment. (7-1-99)
07. CSA. Community Spouse Allowance. (7-1-99)
08. CSNS. Community Spouse Need Standard. (7-1-99)
09. CSRA. Community Spouse Resource Allowance. (7-1-99)
10. DHW. Department of Health and Welfare. (7-1-99)
11. EBT. Electronic Benefits Transfer. (7-1-99)
12. EITC. Earned Income Tax Credit. (7-1-99)
13. FMA. Family Member Allowance. (7-1-99)
14. FSI. Federal Spousal Impoverishment. (7-1-99)
15. HCBS. Home and Community Based Services. (7-1-99)
16. HUD. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (7-1-99)
17. IEVS. Income and Eligibility Verification System. (7-1-99)
18. INA. Immigration and Nationality Act. (7-1-99)

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| 19. | IRS. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service.                | (7-1-99) |
| 20. | MA. Medical Assistance.                                | (7-1-99) |
| 21. | OAA. Old Age Assistance.                               | (7-1-99) |
| 22. | PASS. Plan for Achieving Self-Support.                 | (7-1-99) |
| 23. | RSDI. Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance. | (7-1-99) |
| 24. | SAVE. Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements.  | (7-1-99) |
| 25. | SSA. Social Security Administration.                   | (7-1-99) |
| 26. | SSI. Supplemental Security Income.                     | (7-1-99) |
| 27. | SSN. Social Security Number.                           | (7-1-99) |
| 28. | TAFI. Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho.      | (7-1-99) |
| 29. | UIB. Unemployment Insurance Benefits.                  | (7-1-99) |
| 30. | VA. Veterans Administration.                           | (7-1-99) |

**007. -- 049. (RESERVED).**

**050. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE.**

The participant must submit an application form to the Department. An adult participant, a legal guardian or a representative, must sign the application form. (7-1-99)

**051. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The effective date for aid is the first day of the month of application. Medicaid eligibility begins as described in Subsections 051.01 through 051.04. (7-1-99)

01. AABD Cash and Participant Required to Apply for SSI. When the participant is required to apply for SSI as a condition of AABD cash, the effective date of the AABD cash is the first month the participant gets an SSI payment. If the participant is not eligible for SSI but is eligible for AABD cash, aid is effective the application date. (7-1-99)

02. Normal Medicaid Eligibility. Medicaid coverage begins on the first day of the application month. (7-1-99)

03. Retroactive (Backdated) Medicaid Eligibility. Medicaid benefits must be backdated to the first day of the calendar month, for each of the three (3) months before the month of application, if the participant was Medicaid eligible during that month. If the participant is not eligible for Medicaid when he applies, retroactive eligibility is evaluated. (7-1-99)

04. Ineligible Non-Citizen Medicaid. Ineligible legal or illegal non-citizen coverage is restricted to emergency services. Coverage begins when the emergency treatment is required. Coverage ends with the last day emergency treatment is required. (7-1-99)

**052. PERSONAL INTERVIEW.**

Each applicant for AABD must participate in a face-to-face interview unless good cause exists. (7-1-99)

**053. -- 069. (RESERVED).**

**070. TIME LIMITS.**

The application must be processed within forty-five (45) days for an applicant sixty-five (65) years of age or older. The application must be processed within ninety (90) days for a disabled applicant. The time limit can be extended by events beyond the Department's control. (7-1-99)

**071. DEATH OF APPLICANT.**

An application may be filed for a deceased person. The application must be filed within the backdated eligibility period. Medicaid can be approved, through the date of death, if an AABD applicant dies before eligibility is determined. (7-1-99)

**072. REQUIRED VERIFICATION.**

Applicants must prove their eligibility for aid. The participant is allowed ten (10) calendar days to provide requested proof. The application is denied if the applicant does not provide proof in ten (10) calendar days of the written request and does not have good cause for not providing proof. (7-1-99)

**073. -- 089. (RESERVED).**

**090. APPLICATIONS FOR MEDICAID.**

The Department must examine the potential eligibility of the participant for all Medicaid coverage groups when a participant applies for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**091. OUT OF STATE APPLICANTS.**

A participant receiving AABD cash from another state must not receive AABD cash in Idaho until he is living in Idaho and the cash benefit has ended in the other state. A participant may receive Medicaid in Idaho before AABD cash or Medicaid stops in another state. AABD cash from another state is unearned income for Medicaid. Out-of-state medical coverage is a Medicaid third party resource. Idaho residents temporarily out of the state, and not receiving aid, may apply for aid in Idaho. (7-1-99)

**092. CONCURRENT BENEFIT PROHIBITION.**

If a person is potentially eligible for either AABD cash, TAFI, or foster care, only one (1) program may be chosen. (7-1-99)

**093. -- 099. (RESERVED).**

**100. RESIDENCY.**

The participant must be voluntarily living in Idaho and have no immediate intention of leaving. For Medicaid, other persons are Idaho residents if they meet a criteria in Subsections 100.01 through 100.05. (7-1-99)

01. Foster Child. A participant living in Idaho and receiving child foster care payments from another state. (7-1-99)

02. Incapable Participant. A participant in an Idaho institution, who became incapable of indicating his state of residency after age twenty-one (21). The participant is a resident of the state where his parent or guardian lives. A participant in an Idaho institution, who became incapable of indicating his state of residency after age twenty-one (21), is a resident of Idaho. (7-1-99)

03. Placed in Another State by Idaho. A participant placed by the state of Idaho in an institution in another state. (7-1-99)

04. Homeless. A participant not maintaining a permanent home or having a fixed address who intends to remain in Idaho. (7-1-99)

05. Migrant. A migrant working and living in Idaho. (7-1-99)

**101. TEMPORARY ABSENCE.**

A participant may be temporarily absent from his home and still receive AABD cash and Medicaid. A participant is temporarily absent if he intends to return home within one (1) month. Temporary absence may exceed one (1) month

for a child attending school or vocational training or a participant in a medical institution, hospital, or nursing home. (7-1-99)

**102. -- 104. RESERVED.**

**105. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.**

The participant must provide his social security number (SSN). The participant must provide all SSNs if he has more than one (1). AABD must not be denied, delayed, or stopped if the SSN has been applied for, but not issued, by the Social Security Administration (SSA). AN SSN is verified when it is provided to the Department by SSA. (7-1-99)

**106. CITIZENSHIP AND LEGAL NON-CITIZEN REQUIREMENT.**

Individuals must be U.S. citizens or nationals or qualified legal non-citizens to be eligible. Nationals of American Samoa or Swain's Island are the equivalent of U.S. citizens. Only groups of legal non-citizens listed in Subsections 106.01 through 106.09 may be eligible. (7-1-99)

01. Permanent Residents Admitted Before August 22, 1996. Participants must be: (7-1-99)
  - a. For AABD cash, legal non-citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence and getting AABD on August 22, 1996. For Medicaid, legal non-citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence. (7-1-99)
  - b. Legal non-citizens of any age who are blind or disabled under the SSI disability criteria and lawfully admitted for permanent residence. (7-1-99)
  - c. American Indians born in Canada to whom Section 289 of the INA applies or legal non-citizens who are members of Indian tribes. (7-1-99)
  - d. Legal non-citizens who started AABD or SSI before January 1, 1979. (7-1-99)
02. Battered Non-Citizen Admitted Before August 22, 1996. A legal non-citizen admitted to the U.S. before August 22, 1996, as a battered non-citizen under Section 204(a)(1)(A) or 204(a)(1)(B) of the INA, as a non-citizen whose deportation is suspended under Section 244(a)(3) of the INA who is: (7-1-99)
  - a. A veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty; or (7-1-99)
  - b. Blind or disabled of any age under the SSI disability criteria and lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or (7-1-99)
  - c. Lawfully admitted for permanent residence and getting AABD. (7-1-99)
03. Permanent Residents Admitted On or After August 22, 1996. A lawful permanent resident admitted on or after August 22, 1996 must be: (7-1-99)
  - a. A veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or is on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty; or (7-1-99)
  - b. Have lived in the U.S. for at least five (5) years and has forty (40) quarters of work. (7-1-99)
04. Battered Non-Citizen Admitted On or After August 22, 1996. A legal non-citizen admitted to the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996, as a battered non-citizen under Section 204(a)(1)(A) or 204(a)(1)(B) of the INA, or as a non-citizen whose deportation is suspended under Section 244(a)(3) of the INA, who is: (7-1-99)
  - a. A veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty; or (7-1-99)

- b. Who has lived in the U.S. for at least five (5) years. (7-1-99)
05. Refugees. A refugee admitted under Section 207 of the INA, a Cuban/Haitian entrant as defined in Section 501(e) of the Refugee Assistance Act of 1980, or an Amerasian admitted under Section 584 of Public Law 100-202 and amended by Public Law 100-461 is eligible: (7-1-99)
- a. For seven (7) years from the date of entry; or (7-1-99)
- b. With no time limit if the refugee is a veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty. (7-1-99)
06. Asylees. An asylee admitted under Section 208 of the INA is eligible: (7-1-99)
- a. For seven (7) years from the date asylee status is assigned; or (7-1-99)
- b. With no time limit if the asylee is a veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty. (7-1-99)
07. Deportation Withheld. An individual whose deportation has been withheld under Section 241(b)(3) or 243(h) of the INA is eligible: (7-1-99)
- a. For seven (7) years from the date deportation was withheld; or (7-1-99)
- b. With no time limit if the deportee is a veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty. (7-1-99)
08. Conditional Entrants. A conditional entrant admitted under Section 203(a)(7) of the INA who is a veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty. (7-1-99)
09. Parolees. A person paroled into the U.S. under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA for a period of at least one (1) year, who is a veteran honorably discharged for a reason other than alienage or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for other than training or the spouse or unmarried dependent of the veteran or person on active duty. (7-1-99)

**107. INSTITUTIONAL STATUS.**

An institution provides treatment, services, food, and shelter to four (4) or more people, not related to the owner. A participant living in an ineligible institution an entire calendar month is not eligible for AABD cash, unless he qualifies for the institution payment exception. (7-1-99)

01. Eligible Institutions. Eligible institutions for AABD and Medicaid are defined in Subsections 107.01.a. through 107.01.c. (7-1-99)

a. Medical institution. A public or private medical institution, including a hospital, nursing care facility, or an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded is an eligible institution. A participant is not eligible for AABD cash if he is a resident of a medical institution the full month. (7-1-99)

b. Child care institution. A non-profit private child care institution is an eligible institution. A public child care institution with no more than twenty-five (25) beds is an eligible institution. A child care institution must be licensed or approved by the Department. A detention facility for delinquent children is not a child care institution. A child care institution for mental diseases (IMD) is an eligible institution if it has sixteen (16) beds or less. A participant is not eligible for AABD cash if he is a resident of a child care institution the full month. (7-1-99)

c. Community residence. A community residence is a facility providing food, shelter, and services to residents. A privately operated community residence is an eligible institution. A publicly operated community residence serving no more than sixteen (16) residents is an eligible institution. The Community Restorium in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, is an eligible institution even though more than sixteen (16) residents are served. (7-1-99)

02. Ineligible Institutions. Ineligible institutions for AABD and Medicaid are defined in Subsections 107.02.a. through 107.02.d. (7-1-99)

a. Public institution. Public institutions are ineligible institutions unless listed in Subsection 108.01. (7-1-99)

b. Institution for mental diseases. An institution for mental diseases for adults is an ineligible institution. A facility is an institution for mental diseases if it is maintained primarily for the care and treatment of persons with mental diseases. (7-1-99)

c. Institution for tuberculosis. An institution for tuberculosis is an ineligible institution. A facility is an institution for tuberculosis if it is maintained primarily for the care and treatment of persons with tuberculosis. (7-1-99)

d. Correctional institution. A correctional institution is an ineligible institution. A correctional institution is a facility for prisoners, persons detained pending disposition of charges, or held under court order as material witnesses or juveniles. (7-1-99)

**108. AABD ELIGIBILITY IN INELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.**

A participant may get AABD cash in an ineligible institution or a medical institution if he meets one of the conditions listed in Subsections 108.01 and 108.02. (7-1-99)

01. First Month in Institution. An AABD participant can get AABD cash for the month he entered the institution. Eligibility for the entry month applies to these residents: (7-1-99)

a. Resident of a public institution. The person is a resident if he or anyone pays for his food, shelter, and other services in the institution. (7-1-99)

b. Patient in a medical institution. A patient is a person receiving room, board, and professional services in a medical institution, including an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases. (7-1-99)

02. Temporary Institution Stay. An AABD participant can get up to three (3) months' AABD payment during a temporary stay in an institution. A participant entering a public medical or psychiatric institution, a hospital, a nursing facility, or an ICF/MR may continue to get AABD payments. The Department must receive the temporary stay data no later than the ninetieth full day of confinement, or the release date, whichever is first. The payments may continue up to three (3) months if these conditions are met: (7-1-99)

a. The Department is informed of the institutional stay. (7-1-99)

b. A physician certifies the participant's stay is not likely to exceed three (3) full months. (7-1-99)

c. A signed statement from the participant or a responsible party showing the participant's need to continue to maintain and pay for the place he intends to return to live. (7-1-99)

**109. CONDITIONS FOR TEMPORARY AABD IN INSTITUTIONS.**

Special conditions for AABD when a participant is in an institution are listed in Subsections 109.01 through 109.05. (7-1-99)

01. Living Arrangement. AABD cash is paid based on the participant's living arrangement the month before the first month in the institution. Changes in living arrangement costs are used to determine AABD cash eligibility and benefit amount. (7-1-99)

02. Participant Becomes Ineligible. If the participant becomes ineligible for AABD during his temporary institutional stay, his AABD payment must be ended after proper notice. (7-1-99)

03. AABD Status. A participant must get AABD for the month he enters the institution to receive continued AABD payments. (7-1-99)

04. Counting Three (3) Full Months. A full month is a month the participant is in the institution every day of the month. If the participant enters after the first day of a month, the month of entry is not included in the three (3) full months. If the participant is discharged before the last day of the month, the month of discharge is not included in the three (3) full months. (7-1-99)

05. SSI Benefits. If SSA decides a participant's SSI benefit will continue while the participant is in the institution, AABD payments can also continue. (7-1-99)

**110. -- 128. (RESERVED).**

**129. PARTICIPANT'S GUARDIAN FOR AABD CASH.**

A court appointed guardian can manage AABD cash for a participant who is not competent to do so. The Department may petition the District Court to appoint a guardian if one is needed. (7-1-99)

**130. ESTATE NOT IN PROBATE.**

An administrator for public aid for a deceased participant's AABD cash can be court appointed. The administrator must spend AABD cash, accessible through EBT before the participant's death, for the estate. The AABD cash can only be spent to meet the needs of the participant, or his dependents, for the month it was paid. If a participant had no debts for himself, or his dependents, the administrator must return the AABD cash to the Department. AABD benefits paid by direct deposit or posted to the participant's EBT account, after the participant's death, are the property of the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

**131. ESTATE IN PROBATE.**

AABD cash received by a participant before his death is disbursed as part of the participant's estate, if it is probated. The probate administrator spends the AABD cash under his oath of administration. (7-1-99)

**132. -- 154. (RESERVED).**

**155. AABD FOR THE AGED.**

To qualify for AABD for the aged, a person must be age sixty-five (65) or older. (7-1-99)

**156. AABD FOR THE DISABLED.**

To qualify for AABD for the blind or disabled, a person must meet the definition of blindness or disability used by the SSA for RSDI and SSI benefits. (7-1-99)

01. SSA Decision for Disabled. SSA's disability decision is binding on the Department unless: (7-1-99)

a. The participant states his disabling condition is different from, or in addition to, his condition considered by SSA, and the participant has not reapplied for SSI; or (7-1-99)

b. More than twelve (12) months have passed since the SSA made a final determination the participant was not disabled, and the participant states his condition has changed or become worse since that final determination, and the participant has not reapplied for SSI. (7-1-99)

02. Medicaid Pending SSA Appeal. When SSA decides a participant is no longer disabled, he meets the AABD disability requirement and can continue receiving Medicaid if he appeals SSA's decision. Medicaid ends if the SSA decision is upheld. (7-1-99)

03. Grandfathered Participant for Aid to The Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD) or Aid to the Blind (AB). A participant is disabled if he was eligible as disabled in December 1973, and continues to meet the

disability requirement in effect in December 1973. He must also meet the other current eligibility requirements. (7-1-99)

**157. -- 165. (RESERVED).**

**166. FUGITIVE FELON OR PROBATION OR PAROLE VIOLATOR.**

A participant is ineligible to receive AABD for any month during which he is fleeing to avoid prosecution for a felony, fleeing to avoid custody or confinement after a felony conviction, or violating a federal or state condition of probation or parole. (7-1-99)

**167. FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION OF RESIDENCY.**

A participant is ineligible for AABD for ten (10) years if he was convicted in a federal or state court of having fraudulently misrepresented residence to get AABD, SSI, TAFI, Food Stamps or Medicaid from two (2) or more states at the same time. (7-1-99)

**168. -- 199. (RESERVED).**

**200. RESOURCES DEFINED.**

Resources are cash, personal property, and real property. A participant, or spouse, must have the right, authority, or power to convert the resource to cash. The participant must have the legal right to use the resource for support and maintenance. (7-1-99)

**201. RESOURCE LIMIT.**

The value of countable resources must be two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or less, for a single person to be AABD eligible. A married person must have countable resources of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or less to be eligible for AABD cash. Resources are counted the first moment of each calendar month and apply to the entire month. (7-1-99)

**202. CHANGE IN VALUE OF RESOURCES.**

A change in the value of resources is counted the first moment of the next month. (7-1-99)

**203. RESOURCES AND CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS.**

A change in marital status changes the resource limit. The resource limit change is effective the month after individual participants are married, divorced, separated, or one (1) spouse dies. (7-1-99)

**204. FACTORS MAKING PROPERTY A RESOURCE.**

Property of any kind is a resource if the participant has an ownership interest in the property and the legal right to spend or convert the property to cash. (7-1-99)

**205. COUNTING RESOURCES AND INCOME.**

An asset cannot be counted as income and resources in the same month. Assets received in cash or in-kind during a month are income. Income held past the month received is a resource. (7-1-99)

**206. TYPES OF RESOURCES.**

Liquid resources are resources in cash or resources convertible to cash within twenty (20) working days. Nonliquid resources are any resources, not in the form of cash, which cannot be converted to cash within twenty (20) workdays. (7-1-99)

**207. EQUITY VALUE OF RESOURCES.**

Equity value is the fair market value of a resource, minus any debts on it. (7-1-99)

**208. SHARED OWNERSHIP RULE.**

Except for checking and savings accounts and time deposits, each owner of shared property owns only his fractional interest in the property. The total value of the property is divided among the owners, in direct proportion to each owner's share. (7-1-99)

**209. -- 214. (RESERVED).**

**215. DEEMING RESOURCES.**

Resources are deemed from a spouse to a participant, from a parent or spouse of a parent to a child participant, from an essential person to a participant, or from a sponsor to a legal non-citizen participant. Resource deeming is determined by the participant's circumstances the first moment of the month. Deeming starts the first full calendar month the participant is in a deeming situation. Deeming ends the first full calendar month the participant is not in a deeming situation. Deeming to a child ends the month after the child's eighteenth birthday. (7-1-99)

01. Spouse of Adult Participant. When a participant lives with a spouse, his resources include those of the spouse. The resource limit is for a couple, when the spouse was a member of the household as of the first moment of the benefit month. The AABD resource exclusions are subtracted. Pension funds the ineligible spouse has on deposit are excluded. (7-1-99)

02. Resources of Parent(s) of Child under Age Eighteen (18). When a child participant, under age eighteen (18), is living with his parent or the spouse of his parent, their resources are deemed to the child. When there is more than one (1) child participant in the household, deemed parental resources are divided equally among the child AABD cash participants. When the child lives with one (1) parent, resources over the single person resource limit are deemed to the child. When the child lives with both parents, resources over the couple limit are deemed to the child. A stepparent's resources are not deemed to the child for Medicaid eligibility. A stepparent's resources are deemed to the child for AABD cash. Resources and exclusions of the child participant, and the parents, are computed separately. Pension funds owned by an ineligible parent or parent's spouse are excluded from resources for deeming. (3-1-99)T

03. Resources of Essential Person of Participant. When a participant lives with an essential person, the resources of the essential person are deemed to the participant. The essential person's countable resources are combined with the participant's countable resources. When the essential person is not the participant's spouse, the single person resource limit is used. When the essential person is the participant's ineligible spouse, the couple resource limit is used. (7-1-99)

04. Resources of Legal Non-Citizen's Sponsor - No I-864 Signed. A legal non-citizen's resources include those of his sponsor and of the sponsor's spouse. When the sponsor has not signed an I-864 affidavit of support, the resources deeming period is three (3) years after the legal non-citizen's admission to the U.S. A sponsor's resources are not deemed to the legal non-citizen for Medicaid eligibility. (7-1-99)

a. If the sponsor does not have a spouse living with him, the sponsor's countable resources over the single person resource limit are deemed to the legal non-citizen participant. (7-1-99)

b. If the sponsor's spouse lives with him, the sponsor couple's resources over the couple resource limit are deemed to the legal non-citizen participant. (7-1-99)

c. If a person sponsors two (2) or more legal non-citizen participants, the sponsor's deemed resources are divided and deemed equally to the legal non-citizen participants. (7-1-99)

05. Resources of Legal Non-Citizen's Sponsor - I-864 Signed. For a legal non-citizen admitted to the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996, whose sponsor has signed an I-864 affidavit of support, all resources of the sponsor and sponsor's spouse are deemed to the legal non-citizen for AABD cash and Medicaid eligibility. (7-1-99)

**216. HOUSEHOLD FOR RESOURCE COMPUTATIONS.**

A participant living in an institution is not a household for resource computations. (7-1-99)

**217. UNKNOWN RESOURCES.**

An asset is not a resource if the participant is unaware of his ownership. The asset is a resource the month after discovery. (7-1-99)

**218. -- 221. (RESERVED).**

**222. VEHICLES.**

Vehicles are excluded as resources as described in Subsections 222.01 through 222.02. If more than one (1) vehicle is owned, the exclusion applies in the best way for the participant. (7-1-99)

01. One (1) Vehicle Excluded. One (1) vehicle is excluded, regardless of value if the vehicle is:  
(7-1-99)
  - a. Necessary for employment. (7-1-99)
  - b. Necessary for the treatment of a specific or regular medical problem. (7-1-99)
  - c. Modified for operation by, or the transportation of, a handicapped person. (7-1-99)
  - d. Necessary, because of climate, terrain, distance or similar factors, for the performance of essential daily activities. (7-1-99)
02. Vehicle Value Excluded Up to Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500). If no vehicle is excluded under Subsection 222.01, one (1) vehicle is excluded up to a fair market value of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500). If the fair market value exceeds four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500), the excess value counts as a resource. (7-1-99)
03. Other Vehicles Not Excluded. The equity value of a vehicle not excluded under Subsection 222.01 or 222.02, is a resource. (7-1-99)

**223. BURIAL FUNDS EXCLUDED FROM RESOURCE LIMIT.**

Burial funds up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per person, set aside for the burial expenses of the participant or spouse, are excluded from resources. To be excluded, burial funds must be kept separate from assets not burial related. A burial contract that can be revoked or sold, without significant hardship, is a resource. Any portion of the contract for the purchase of burial spaces is excluded from resources. A burial contract that cannot be revoked, and cannot be sold without significant hardship, is not a resource. The burial fund portion of the contract counts against the one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1,500) burial funds exclusion. The burial space portion of the contract does not count against the burial funds exclusion. (7-1-99)

01. Life Insurance Policy as Burial Funds. The participant can designate a countable life insurance policy as a burial fund. The face value of excluded life insurance policies on the participant counts against the burial funds exclusion. (7-1-99)
02. Face Value of Burial Insurance Policies Not Counted. The face value of burial insurance policies does not count toward the one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1,500) life insurance limit, when computing the total face value of life insurance policies owned by a participant. Interest on excluded burial funds does not count toward the one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) burial funds exclusion. (7-1-99)
03. Effective Date of Burial Funds Exclusion. The exclusion is effective the month after the month the funds were set aside. Burial funds can be designated retroactively, back to the first day of the month the participant intended the funds to be set aside. The participant must confirm the designation in writing. (7-1-99)
04. Penalty For Misusing Burial Funds. If the participant does not get SSI, burial funds used for another purpose lose the exclusion. An overpayment must be recovered. If the participant gets SSI, and is penalized by SSA because he used excluded burial funds for another purpose, his AABD payment must not be increased to compensate the SSA penalty. (7-1-99)

**224. BURIAL SPACE OR PLOT EXCLUSION.**

A burial space is a burial plot, grave site, crypt, mausoleum, casket, urn, niche, or other repository normally used for the deceased's remains. A burial space, or burial space purchase agreement, held for the burial of the participant, spouse, or other member of his immediate family is an excluded resource. (7-1-99)

01. Burial Space Contract. The burial space contract must list all burial spaces and include a value for

each space or the total value of all the spaces. The contract must not require further payment after the contract is signed. (7-1-99)

02. Space Held By Ineligibles Excluded. A space held by an ineligible spouse or parent, for the burial of a participant, spouse, and any member of the participant's immediate family, is excluded. A space held by a legal non-citizen sponsor, or essential person, for his own burial is excluded only if the sponsor is a member of the participant's immediate family. (7-1-99)

**225. -- 231. (RESERVED).**

**232. HOUSEHOLD GOODS DEFINITION.**

Household goods are items of personal property normally found in the home. The items must be used for maintenance, use, and occupancy of the participant's home. (7-1-99)

**233. PERSONAL EFFECTS DEFINITION.**

Personal effects are items worn or carried by a participant, or items having an intimate relation to the participant. (7-1-99)

**234. PERSONAL PROPERTY DEFINITION.**

Personal property is any property not real property. (7-1-99)

**235. FULLY EXCLUDED HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

One (1) wedding ring and one (1) engagement ring, per participant, are excluded regardless of value. Medical equipment and other items required by a person's physical condition are excluded, regardless of value. (7-1-99)

**236. EXCLUDED HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) equity value of household goods and personal effects is not counted toward the resource limit. (7-1-99)

**237. REAL PROPERTY DEFINITION.**

Real property is land, including buildings or immovable objects attached permanently to the land. Real property is a resource unless excluded. (7-1-99)

**238. HOME EXCLUDED AS RESOURCE.**

The value of a participant's home is an excluded resource. A participant's home is property he owns, serving as his principal place of residence. His principal place of residence is the place he considers his principal home. If the participant is absent from his home, it is still his principal place of residence, if he intends to return. (7-1-99)

**239. SALE OF EXCLUDED HOME AND REPLACEMENT.**

If the participant plans to buy another excluded home, proceeds from the sale of a participant's excluded home are excluded resources. Proceeds from the sale of an excluded home must be used to replace the home within three (3) calendar months. Proceeds retained beyond three (3) calendar months are a countable resource. (7-1-99)

**240. REPLACEMENT OF EXCLUDED RESOURCES.**

Cash and in-kind payments for replacement or repair of lost, damaged, or stolen excluded resources, are excluded resources for nine (9) months from the date received. This exclusion can be extended for cash payments, up to an additional nine (9) months. The extension can be made if, for the first nine (9) months, circumstances beyond the participant's control prevent repair or replacement of the lost, damaged or stolen property and keep the participant from contracting for repair or replacement. This exclusion can be extended for twelve (12) more months for a catastrophe the President declares a major disaster. Interest earned by funds excluded under this provision is excluded from resources. (7-1-99)

**241. UNDUE HARDSHIP EXCLUSION FROM SALE OF JOINTLY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY.**

A participant's ownership interest, in jointly-owned real property, is an excluded resource, as long as sale of the property will cause undue hardship to a co-owner. Undue hardship results if a co-owner uses the property as his principal place of residence, would have to move if the property were sold, and has no other readily available housing.

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**242. TRUST OR RESTRICTED INDIAN LANDS EXCLUDED.**

Restricted allotted land, owned by a participant who is of Indian descent from a Federally recognized Indian tribe, is an excluded resource if the participant cannot sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of it without permission from other participants, his tribe or an agency of the Federal Government. (7-1-99)

**243. RESOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTY.**

Resources associated with real property are mineral rights, timber rights, easements, leaseholds, water rights, remainder interests, and sale of natural resources. These resources are counted as real property. (7-1-99)

**244. RESOURCES ESSENTIAL FOR SELF-SUPPORT EXCLUDED.**

Resources are excluded as essential to self-support, if they fall into one (1) of the categories described in Subsections 244.01 through 244.03. (7-1-99)

01. Essential Property in Current Use. Property in current use in the type of activity that qualifies it as essential to self-support is excluded, regardless of value or rate of return. Trade or business property, government permits, and personal property used by an employee for work are excluded regardless of value or rate of return. If the property is not in current use, for reasons beyond the participant's control, there must be a reasonable expectation the required use will resume. If the participant does not intend to resume the self-support activity, the property is a countable resource for the month after the month of last use. (7-1-99)

02. Nonbusiness Property Producing Goods or Services. Up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of the equity value of nonbusiness property, used to produce goods or services essential to daily activities, is excluded regardless of rate of return. Equity value over six thousand dollars (\$6,000) is not excluded. This exclusion is not used for income producing property. (7-1-99)

03. Nonbusiness Income Producing Property. Up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) equity in nonbusiness income producing property is excluded if it produces at least a six percent (6%) rate of return. The property must produce a net annual return equal to at least six percent (6%) of the excluded equity. If a participant owns more than one (1) piece of income producing property, the six percent (6%) return requirement applies to each. The six thousand dollars (\$6,000) equity value limit applies to the total equity value of all the properties meeting the six percent (6%) return requirement. If the earnings decline is for reasons beyond the participant's control, up to twenty-four (24) months can be allowed for the property to resume producing a six percent (6%) return. If the property still is not producing a six percent (6%) return at the end of the twenty-four (24) month extension, the resource exclusion must end the month after the month the twenty-four (24) month period ends. (7-1-99)

**245. RESOURCES SET ASIDE AS PART OF A PLAN FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUPPORT (PASS) EXCLUDED.**

PASS allows blind and disabled participants to set aside income and resources necessary for the achievement of its goals. Resources set aside as part of an approved PASS are excluded. The PASS disregard must not be applied to resources unless the participant would be ineligible due to excess resources. To disregard resources, the PASS must show how resources the participant has or will receive under the plan, will be used to obtain the PASS goal. The PASS must show how the disregarded resources will be identified separately from the participant's other resources. The PASS must list items or activities requiring savings or purchases and the amounts the participant anticipates saving or spending. The PASS must show a specific target date to achieve the objective. (7-1-99)

**246. LIMITED AWARD TO CHILD WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION.**

Any gift from a tax exempt nonprofit organization to a child under age eighteen (18), who has a life threatening condition, is excluded from resources under the conditions in Subsections 246.01 through 246.02. (7-1-99)

01. In-Kind. An in-kind gift is excluded if the gift is not converted to cash. (7-1-99)

02. Cash. Cash gifts are excluded up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the calendar year the cash gifts are made. (7-1-99)

247. -- 254. (RESERVED).

**255. RETROACTIVE SSI AND AABD BENEFITS.**

Retroactive SSI and AABD benefits are issued after the calendar month for which they are paid. Retroactive AABD, SSI and RSDI benefits are excluded from resources for six (6) calendar months after the month they are received. Interest earned by excluded funds is counted as income. (7-1-99)

**256. GERMAN REPARATIONS PAYMENTS.**

German reparations payments are excluded from resources. Interest earned by German reparations payments is counted as income. (7-1-99)

**257. DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

Assistance received because of a major disaster, declared by the President, is excluded from resources. Interest earned on excluded funds is excluded from income and resources. (7-1-99)

**258. CASH TO PURCHASE MEDICAL OR SOCIAL SERVICES.**

Cash paid by a recognized medical or social services program, for the participant to purchase medical or social services, is not a resource for one (1) calendar month after receipt. The cash must not be repayment for a bill already paid. (7-1-99)

**259. AGENT ORANGE SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS.**

Agent Orange settlement payments are excluded from resources. Interest earned by unspent Agent Orange settlement payments is excluded from resources, but counts as income. (7-1-99)

**260. ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT.**

Payments to Alaska Natives and their descendants from the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, under public Law 100-241, are excluded from resources. (7-1-99)

**261. STOCK IN ALASKA REGIONAL OR VILLAGE CORPORATIONS.**

Stock held by Alaska natives in regional or village corporations is inalienable for a twenty (20) year period under Sections 7(h) and 8(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. (7-1-99)

**262. VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.**

Payments, from a fund set up by a State to aid victims of crime, are excluded from resources for nine (9) months. Interest earned on unspent victims' compensation payments is counted for income and resources. (7-1-99)

**263. AUSTRIAN SOCIAL INSURANCE PAYMENTS.**

Austrian General Social Insurance Act payments based, in whole or part, on wage credits granted under paragraphs 500 through 506 of the act, are excluded from resources. (7-1-99)

**264. RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT PAYMENTS.**

Payments made under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (P.L. 101-426) are excluded from resources. (7-1-99)

**265. TAX ADVANCES AND REFUNDS RELATED TO EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS.**

A Federal tax refund or payment made by an employer, related to Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), is excluded from resources, for the month after the month the refund or payment is received. Interest earned on unspent tax refunds related to EITC is counted for income and resources. (7-1-99)

**266. IDENTIFYING EXCLUDED FUNDS COMMINGLED WITH FUNDS NOT EXCLUDED.**

Excluded funds must be separately identifiable to remain excluded. (7-1-99)

**267. DEDICATED ACCOUNT FOR SSI PARTICIPANT.**

A dedicated account for past-due SSI benefits, set up in a financial institution for an SSI participant under age eighteen (18) is an excluded resource. The account must be set up by the child's SSI representative payee, and excluded by SSA. (7-1-99)

**268. SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE (HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE).**

Support and Maintenance Assistance (SMA) is in-kind support and maintenance, or cash paid for food, clothing, or shelter needs. It includes Home Energy Assistance. SMA Home Energy Assistance is aid to meet the costs of heating or cooling a home. SMA and Home Energy Assistance are excluded resources. (7-1-99)

**269. NETHERLANDS WUV PAYMENTS.**

Payments from the Dutch government under the Netherlands Act on Benefits for Victims of Persecution 1940-1945 (WUV) are excluded resources. Interest earned on unspent WUV payments is not excluded. (7-1-99)

**270. JAPANESE-AMERICAN AND ALEUTIAN RESTITUTION PAYMENTS.**

Payments by the U.S. Government to Japanese-Americans or their spouse or parent (or if deceased to their survivors) interned or relocated during World War II are excluded resources. Payments by the U.S. Government to Aleuts interned or relocated during World War II are excluded resources. Payments by the Canadian government to Japanese-Canadians interned or relocated during World War II are excluded resources. (7-1-99)

**271. VA MONETARY ALLOWANCES TO A CHILD BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA.**

VA monetary allowances to a child born with spina bifida, who is the child of a Vietnam veteran, are excluded resources. (7-1-99)

**272. WALKER V. BAYER PAYMENTS.**

Class action settlement payments in Susan Walker v. Bayer Corporation, et al are excluded from resources for Medicaid by Public Law 105-33. These payments are not excluded for AABD cash. (7-1-99)

**273. -- 284. RESERVED.**

**285. EXCLUDED REAL ESTATE CONTRACT.**

The principal balance of a real estate contract is excluded from resources of a participant in long-term care. The contract must meet the conditions in Subsections 285.01 through 285.03. The exclusion ends the first month the contract does not produce income. The principal balance is a resource the first moment of the next month. Interest payments on the contract are income for patient liability. This exclusion is not used if it is more restrictive to Medicaid eligibility than counting the value of the contract. (3-1-99)T

**01. Income Producing.** The contract produces income when payments are made to the participant by the purchaser. (3-1-99)T

**02. Adequate Rate Of Return.** The contract has a rate of return no less than two (2) percentage points below the bank market rate for loans on similar property in the community when the contract was signed. (3-1-99)T

**03. Remainder To Estate.** The remainder of the contract is part of the estate when the participant dies. There are no provisions in the contract having the intent or effect of making the remainder unavailable to Medicaid estate recovery. (3-1-99)T

**286. TRUSTS.**

A trust is a resource to a participant with the legal right to revoke the trust, and use the principal for his own support and maintenance. See Sections 838 through 873 in these rules for treatment of trusts for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**287. RETIREMENT FUNDS.**

Retirement funds are annuities or work-related plans for providing income or pensions when employment ends. A retirement fund, owned by a participant, is a resource if he has the option of withdrawing a lump sum, even though he is not yet eligible for periodic retirement payments. If the participant is eligible for periodic retirement payments, the fund is not a countable resource. The value of a retirement fund is the amount of money a participant can currently withdraw from the fund. (7-1-99)

**288. INHERITANCE.**

An inheritance is cash, a right, or noncash items received as the result of someone's death. Cash or noncash items in an inheritance are income the month received and a resource the next month. A contested inheritance is not counted as a resource until the contest is settled and money is distributed. (7-1-99)

**289. LIFE INSURANCE.**

A life insurance policy is an excluded resource if its face value, plus the face value of all other life insurance policies the participant owns on the same insured person, totals one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or less. If the face values exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) the policies are a resource in the amount of the cash surrender value. (7-1-99)

**290. CONSERVATORSHIP.**

Funds required to be made available for the care and maintenance of a participant, under a court order, are the participant's resource. This is true even if the participant or his agent is required to petition the court to withdraw funds for the participant's care. (7-1-99)

**291. CONDITIONAL BENEFITS.**

A participant ineligible due solely to excess nonliquid resources, can receive AABD cash and related Medicaid. The participant must meet two (2) conditions. First, his countable liquid resources must not exceed three (3) times the participant's AABD cash budgeted needs. Second, the participant agrees, in writing, to sell excess nonliquid resources at their fair market value, within three (3) months. The value of excess real property is not counted as a resource, as long as the participant makes reasonable efforts to sell the property at its fair market value, and his reasonable efforts to sell are not successful. This exclusion is also used to compute deemed resources. (7-1-99)

01. Conditional Benefits Payments Disposal/Exclusion Period. The disposal period and exclusion period for excess nonliquid resources begins on the date the participant signs the Agreement to Sell Property. The disposal and exclusion periods can begin earlier for a participant who met all requirements to receive conditional benefits before his first opportunity to sign the Agreement to Sell Property. The participant must sign the Agreement to Sell Property before his application is approved. (7-1-99)

02. Time Period for Disposal of Excess Resources. The disposal period for excess nonliquid personal property is three (3) months. One (1) three (3) month extension, for sale of personal property, is allowed when good cause exists. (7-1-99)

03. Good Cause for Not Making Efforts to Sell Excess Property. The participant has good cause exists for not making efforts to sell property, when circumstances beyond his control prevent his taking the required actions. Without good cause, the participants's countable resources include the value of the excess property, retroactive to the beginning of the conditional benefits period. (7-1-99)

**292. -- 299. (RESERVED).**

**300. INCOME DEFINITION.**

Income is anything that can be used to meet needs for food, clothing, or shelter. Income is cash, wages, pensions, in-kind payments, inheritances, gifts, awards, rent, dividends, interest, or royalties the participant receives during a month. (7-1-99)

01. Cash Income. Cash income is currency, checks, money orders, or electronic funds transfers. Cash income includes Social Security checks, unemployment checks, and payroll checks. (7-1-99)

02. In-Kind Income. In-kind income is not cash. In-kind income is food, clothing, or shelter. Wages paid as in-kind earnings, such as food, clothing or shelter, are counted as unearned income. Other in-kind income is not counted. (7-1-99)

03. Inheritances. An inheritance is cash, a right, or noncash items received as the result of someone's death. Cash or noncash items in an inheritance are income the month received and a resource the next month. A contested inheritance is not counted as income until the contest is settled and money is distributed. (7-1-99)

**301. APPLICATION FOR POTENTIAL BENEFITS.**

The participant must apply for benefits, including RSDI, VA, pensions, Workman's Compensation, or Unemployment Insurance, when there is potential eligibility. The participant must apply when he reaches the earliest age to qualify for the benefit. (7-1-99)

01. SSI. To get AABD cash, the participant must apply for SSI benefits, if he is potentially eligible. To get AABD-Medicaid, the participant does not have to apply for SSI benefits. (7-1-99)

02. VAIP. Participants entitled to a VA pension as of December 31, 1978 are not required to file for Veterans Administration Improved Pension Plan (VAIP), to get AABD cash or AABD-related Medicaid. (7-1-99)

03. Other Benefits. EITC, TAFI, BIA General Assistance and victim's compensation benefits are exempt from the filing requirement. (7-1-99)

**302. RELATIONSHIP OF INCOME TO RESOURCES.**

Income is counted as income in the current month. If the participant keeps countable income after the month received, it is counted as a resource. (7-1-99)

**303. WHEN INCOME IS COUNTED.**

Income is counted the earliest of when received, when credited to a participant's account, or when set aside for the participant's use. Income from SSA, SSI or VA is counted for the month it is intended to cover. (7-1-99)

**304. PROSPECTIVE ELIGIBILITY.**

Eligibility for AABD cash and Medicaid is prospective. Expected income for the month is compared to the participant's income limit that month. See Section 612 for patient liability income rules. (7-1-99)

**305. PROJECTING MONTHLY INCOME.**

Income is projected for each month to determine AABD cash amount. Past income may be used to project future income. Expected changes must be considered. Income received less often than monthly is not prorated or converted. Patient liability income is not prorated or converted. (7-1-99)

**306. CRITERIA FOR PROJECTING MONTHLY INCOME.**

Monthly income is projected as described in this Subsections 306.01 through 306.08. (7-1-99)

01. Converting Income to a Monthly Amount. If a full month's income is expected, but is received on other than a monthly basis, convert the income to a monthly amount using one (1) of the formulas in Subsections 306.01.a. through 306.01.d. (7-1-99)

| TABLE 306.01 MONTHLY CONVERSION OF INCOME |                        |  |
|---|------------------------|--|
|   | CONVERSION             | PROCEDURE  |
| a.  | Weekly to Monthly      | Multiply weekly amounts by 4.3.                                |
| b.  | Biweekly to Monthly    | Multiplying bi-weekly amounts by 2.15.                         |
| c.  | Semimonthly to Monthly | Multiplying semi-monthly amounts by 2.                         |
| d.  | Exact Amount           | Use the exact monthly income if it is expected for each month. |

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02. Income Already Received. Count income already received during the month. Convert the actual income to a monthly amount if a full month's income has been received or is expected to be received as described in Subsections 306.02.a. and 306.02.b. (7-1-99)

a. Actual income. If the actual amount of income from any pay period a month is known, use the actual pay period amounts to determine the total month's income. Convert the actual income to a monthly amount if a full month's income has been received or is expected. (7-1-99)

b. Projecting income. If no pay changes are expected, use the known actual pay period amounts for

the past thirty (30) days to project future income. Convert the actual income to a monthly amount if a full month's income has been received or is expected. (7-1-99)

03. Expected Income. Count income the participant and the Department believe the participant will get. Convert expected income to a monthly amount as described in Subsections 306.03.a. through 306.03.d. (7-1-99)

a. Exact income unknown. If the exact income amount is uncertain or unknown, the uncertain or unknown portion must not be counted. The certain or known amount is counted. (7-1-99)

b. Income not changed. If the income has not changed and no changes are expected, past income can be used to project future income. (7-1-99)

c. Income changes. If income changes, and income received in the past thirty (30) days does not reflect expected income, income received over a longer period is used to project future income. (7-1-99)

d. Seasonal income changes. If income changes seasonally, income from the last comparable season is used to project future income. (7-1-99)

04. Ongoing Income. Ongoing income comes from an ongoing source. It was received in the past and is expected to be received in the future. Convert ongoing income to a monthly amount as described in Subsections 306.04.a. through 306.04.d. (7-1-99)

a. Full month's income not expected from ongoing source. If a full month's income is not expected from an ongoing source, count the amount of income expected for the month. If actual income is known, use actual income. If actual income is unknown, project expected income. Convert income to a monthly amount. Use zero (0) income for any pay period in which income was not received that month. (7-1-99)

b. Income from new source. If a full month's income from a new source is not expected, count the actual income expected for the month. Do not convert the income to a monthly amount. (7-1-99)

c. Income stops. If income stops and no additional income is expected from the terminated source, count the actual income received during the month. Do not convert the terminated source of income. (7-1-99)

d. Full month's income not expected from new or stopped source. If a full month's income is not expected from a new or terminated source, count the income expected for the month. If the actual income is known, use the known income. If the actual income is unknown, project the income. Do not convert the income to a monthly amount if a full month's income from a new or terminated source is not expected. (7-1-99)

05. Income Paid on Salary. Income paid on salary, rather than an hourly wage, is counted at the expected monthly salary rate. (7-1-99)

06. Income Paid at Hourly Rate. Compute expected income paid on an hourly basis by multiplying the hourly pay by the expected number of hours the participant will work in the pay period. Convert the pay period amount to a monthly basis. (7-1-99)

07. Monthly Income Varies. When monthly income varies each pay period and the rate of pay remains the same, average the income from the past thirty (30) days to determine the average pay period amount. Convert the average pay period amount to a monthly amount. When income changes and income from the past thirty (30) days is not a valid indicator of future income, a longer period of income history is used to project income. (7-1-99)

08. Income Received Less Often than Monthly. Recurring income, such as quarterly payments or annual income, is counted in the month received, even if the payment is for multiple months. The income is not prorated or converted. If the amount is known, use the actual. If the amount is unknown, use the best information available to project income. (7-1-99)

**307. -- 309. (RESERVED).**

**310. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE IV-B OR TITLE XX.**

Adoption assistance payments, provided under Title IV-B or Title XX of the Social Security Act, are excluded. Adoption assistance payments using funds provided under Title IV-E are income. The twenty dollar (\$20) standard disregard is not subtracted. (7-1-99)

**311. AGENT ORANGE SETTLEMENT FUND PAYMENTS.**

Effective January 1, 1989, payments made from the Agent Orange settlement fund or awards from Agent Orange product liability judgement are excluded. (7-1-99)

**312. ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT.**

Payments to Alaska Natives and their descendants from the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, under public Law 100-241, are excluded. (7-1-99)

**313. ASSISTANCE BASED ON NEED (ABON).**

ABON is aid paid under a program using income as a factor of eligibility. ABON is funded wholly by a State, or a political subdivision of a State, or an Indian tribe, or a combination of these sources. Federal funds are not used. ABON is excluded. (7-1-99)

**314. AUSTRIAN SOCIAL INSURANCE PAYMENTS.**

Austrian Social Insurance payments based on wage credits under Paragraphs 500-506 of the Austrian Social Insurance Act are excluded. (7-1-99)

**315. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) FOSTER CARE.**

BIA foster care payments are social services. They are excluded for the foster child and foster family. (7-1-99)

**316. BLIND OR DISABLED STUDENT CHILD EARNED INCOME.**

To qualify for this exclusion, the child must be blind or disabled. The child must be under age twenty-two (22). The child must not be married or the head of a household. The child must be a student regularly attending high school, college, university or course of vocational or technical training, designed to prepare him for gainful employment. Up to four hundred (\$400) per month of earned income, is excluded. The maximum exclusion is one thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$1,620) in a calendar year. (7-1-99)

**317. "BUY-IN" REIMBURSEMENT.**

The SSA reimbursement for self-paid Medicare Part B "Buy-In" premiums is excluded. (7-1-99)

**318. COMMODITIES, FOOD STAMPS AND FOOD PROGRAMS.**

Food, under the Federal Food Stamp Program, Donated Commodities Program, School Lunch Program, and Child Nutrition Program, is excluded. This includes free or reduced price food for women and children under the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. (7-1-99)

**319. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.**

Contributions from a third party, for a participant residing in an adult residential care facility, are excluded. The contribution must be paid directly to the facility. The contribution must pay for items or services, other than medical care, provided to the participant by the facility. The items or services must not be included in the participant's AABD cash, or must be charges for care exceeding the Department's Adult Residential Care Facility Level I, II or III Allowance. The participant must not be charged a higher rate than other residents of the facility. The person making the contribution must provide a signed statement identifying the item or service the payment covers, the reason the item or service is needed by the participant, and the monthly amount of the payment. (7-1-99)

**320. CONVERSION OR SALE OF A RESOURCE NOT INCOME.**

Payment from the sale, exchange, or replacement of a resource is excluded. The payment is a resource that changed form. (7-1-99)

**321. CREDIT LIFE OR DISABILITY INSURANCE PAYMENTS.**

Credit life or credit disability insurance covers payments on loans and mortgages, in case of death or disability. Insurance payments are made directly to loan or mortgage companies, and are not available to the participant. These payments are excluded. (7-1-99)

**322. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.**

Any grant, scholarship, or loan, to an undergraduate for educational purposes, made or insured under any program administered by the Commissioner of Education, is excluded. (7-1-99)

**323. GIFTS OF DOMESTIC TRAVEL TICKETS.**

A ticket for domestic travel received as a gift by a participant or spouse is excluded. (7-1-99)

**324. GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS.**

Any grant, scholarship, or fellowship, not administered by the Commissioner of Education, and used for paying tuition, fees, or required educational expenses is excluded. This exclusion does not apply to any portion set aside or actually used for food, clothing, or shelter. (7-1-99)

**325. DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

Payments received because of a major disaster, declared by the President, are excluded. This includes payments to repair or replace the person's own home or other property, and disaster unemployment aid. (7-1-99)

**326. DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT PAYMENTS.**

Compensation, other than wages, provided to volunteers in the Foster Grandparents Program, RSVP, and similar National Senior Volunteer Corps programs under Sections 404(g) and 418 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act is excluded. (7-1-99)

**327. EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS.**

Earned Income Tax Credits advance payments and refunds are excluded. (7-1-99)

**328. FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE.**

Federal housing assistance listed in Subsections 328.01 through 328.05 is excluded. (7-1-99)

01. United States Housing Act of 1937. United States Housing Act of 1937, Section 1437 et seq. of 42 U.S. Code. (7-1-99)

02. The National Housing Act. The National Housing Act, Section 1701 et seq. of 12 U.S. Code. (7-1-99)

03. Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965. Section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, Section 1701s of 12 U.S. Code, and Section 1451 of 42 U.S. Code. (7-1-99)

04. Housing Act of 1949. Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, Section 1471 et seq. of 42 U.S. Code. (7-1-99)

05. Housing Act of 1959. Section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959. (7-1-99)

**329. FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS.**

Foster care payments using funds provided under Title IV-B or Title XX of the Social Security Act are excluded. Payments for foster care of a non SSI-child placed by a public or private non-profit child placement or child care agency are excluded. Foster care payments using funds provided under Title IV-E are income. The twenty dollar (\$20) standard disregard is not subtracted. (7-1-99)

**330. EXPENSE OF OBTAINING INCOME.**

Essential expenses of obtaining unearned income are subtracted from the income. An expense is essential if the participant would not receive the income unless he paid the expense. Expenses of receiving income, such as withheld taxes, are not subtracted. (7-1-99)

**331. GARNISHMENTS.**

Garnishments of unearned income are counted as unearned income. Garnishments of earned income are counted as earned income. (7-1-99)

**332. GERMAN REPARATIONS.**

Reparations payments from the Federal Republic of Germany received on or after November 1, 1984 are excluded. (7-1-99)

**333. GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OR SOCIAL SERVICES.**

Governmental payments authorized by Federal, State, or local law, for medical or social services, are excluded. Any cash provided by a nongovernmental medical or social services organization (including medical and liability insurers) for medical or social services already received is excluded. Emergency Assistance (EA) medical and social services payments, issued by the Division of Family and Childrens Services, are excluded. (7-1-99)

01. Medical Services. Medical services are diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, or palliative treatment. Treatment must be performed, directed, or supervised by a State licensed health professional. Medical services include room and board provided during a medical confinement. Medical services include in-kind medical items such as prescription drugs, eye glasses, prosthetics, and their maintenance. In-kind medical items include devices intended to bring the physical abilities of a handicapped person to a par with an unaided person who is not handicapped. Electric wheelchairs, modified scooters, and seeing eye dogs and their dog food are in-kind medical items. (7-1-99)

02. Social Service. A social service is any service, other than medical. A social service helps a handicapped or socially disadvantaged person to function in society on a level comparable to a person not handicapped or disadvantaged. Housebound and Aid and Attendance Allowances, including Unusual Medical Expense Allowances, received from the Veterans Administration are excluded. (7-1-99)

**334. HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (HEA) AND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE (SMA).**

SMA is in-kind support and maintenance, or cash paid for food, clothing, or shelter needs. SMA includes HEA. HEA is aid to meet the costs of heating or cooling a home. SMA must be provided in-kind by a nonprofit organization. HEA must be provided in cash or in-kind by suppliers of home heating gas or oil or a municipal utility providing home energy. SMA and HEA are excluded. (7-1-99)

**335. HOME PRODUCE FOR PERSONAL USE.**

Home produce is excluded if it is consumed by the participant or his household. Home produce includes livestock grown for personal consumption. (7-1-99)

**336. IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.**

Payments made by Title XX or other governmental programs to pay an ineligible spouse or ineligible parent for in-home supportive services provided to a participant are excluded. In-home supportive services include attendant care, chore services and homemaker services. (7-1-99)

**337. INCOME EXCLUDED BY LAW.**

Any income excluded by Federal statute, is excluded. (7-1-99)

**338. INFREQUENT OR IRREGULAR INCOME.**

Infrequent or irregular income, under ten dollars (\$10) per month earned income and twenty dollars (\$20) per month unearned income, is excluded. If the infrequent or irregular income exceeds these limits the total amount received is counted. Income is infrequent if the participant gets it once in a calendar quarter from a single source. Income is irregular if the participant could not reasonably expect to receive it. (7-1-99)

**339. JAPANESE-AMERICAN AND ALEUTIAN RESTITUTION PAYMENTS.**

U.S. Government payments to Japanese-Americans, interned or relocated during World War II, are excluded. Payments to their spouses or parents (or if deceased to their survivors) are also excluded. U.S. Government payments to Aleuts interned or relocated during World War II are excluded. (7-1-99)

**340. LOANS.**

Loans are excluded, if the participant has signed a written repayment agreement. The signed agreement must state how the loan will be repaid. The signed written agreement can be obtained after the loan is received. Items bought on credit are paid with a loan and are not income. Money repaid to a participant on the principal of a loan is not income,

it is a resource. Interest received by a participant on money loaned by him is countable income. (7-1-99)

**341. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ACT PAYMENTS.**

Payments made under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, as amended by the Manpower Act of 1965 are excluded. (7-1-99)

**342. NATIVE AMERICAN PAYMENTS.**

Payments authorized by law made to people of Native American ancestry are excluded. (7-1-99)

**343. NETHERLANDS WUV PAYMENTS.**

Payments from the Dutch government under the Netherlands Act on Benefits for Victims of Persecution 1940-1945 (WUV) are excluded. (7-1-99)

**344. NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR OLDER AMERICANS.**

Payments, other than a wage or salary, made under Chapter 35 of Title 42 of the U.S. Code, Programs for Older Americans, are excluded. (7-1-99)

**345. PERSONAL SERVICES.**

A personal service performed for a participant is excluded. Personal services include lawn mowing, house cleaning, grocery shopping, and baby sitting. (7-1-99)

**346. RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT PAYMENTS.**

Payments made to persons under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act are excluded. (7-1-99)

**347. REBATES, REFUNDS, AABD UNDERPAYMENTS AND REPLACEMENT CHECKS.**

Rebates, refunds, AABD underpayments and returns of money already paid are excluded. A replacement check is excluded. (7-1-99)

**348. RELOCATION ASSISTANCE.**

Relocation payments under Title II of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970, Subchapter II, Chapter 61, Title 42 of the U.S. Code are excluded. Relocation payments, paid to civilians of World War II per Public Law 100-383, are excluded. (7-1-99)

**349. REPLACEMENT OF INCOME ALREADY RECEIVED.**

Replacement of a participant's lost, stolen, or destroyed income is excluded. (7-1-99)

**350. RETURN OF MISTAKEN PAYMENTS.**

A returned mistaken payment is excluded. If the participant keeps the mistaken payment, it is income. (7-1-99)

**351. TAX REFUNDS.**

Refunds of Federal, State or local taxes paid on income, real property, or food bought by the participant and his family, are excluded. (7-1-99)

**352. UTILITY PAYMENTS.**

Payments for utility costs made to low-income housing tenants by a local housing authority are excluded when paid directly to the tenant or jointly to the tenant and the utility company. (7-1-99)

**353. VA MONETARY ALLOWANCES TO A CHILD BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA.**

VA monetary allowances to a child born with spina bifida, who is the child of a Vietnam veteran, are excluded. (7-1-99)

**354. VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.**

Any payment made from a State-sponsored fund to aid victims of crime is excluded. (7-1-99)

**355. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES PAYMENTS.**

Payments other than wages made to an eligible handicapped individual employed in a Vocational Rehabilitation Services project under Title VI of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are excluded. (7-1-99)

**356. VOLUNTEER SERVICES INCOME.**

Payments to volunteers under Chapter 66 of Title 42 of the U.S. Code Domestic Volunteer Services (ACTION programs) are excluded. Payments are not excluded, if the Director of the ACTION agency determines the value, adjusted for hours served, is equal to or greater than the Federal or State minimum wage. (7-1-99)

**357. WALKER V. BAYER PAYMENTS.**

Class action settlement payments in Susan Walker v. Bayer Corporation, et al are excluded for Medicaid but not for AABD cash. (7-1-99)

**358. WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE.**

Weatherization assistance is excluded. (7-1-99)

**359. -- 399. (RESERVED).**

**400. EARNED INCOME.**

Earned income remaining after disregards and exclusions are subtracted is counted in computing AABD cash. Wages are counted the month they become available to the participant. (7-1-99)

**401. COMPUTING SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.**

Countable self-employment income is the difference between the gross receipts and the allowable costs of producing the income, if the amount is expected to continue. Self-employment income is computed using one (1) of the methods listed in Subsections 401.01 through 401.03. (7-1-99)

01. Self-Employed At Least One (1) Year. For individuals who are self-employed for at least one (1) year, income and expenses are averaged over the past twelve (12) months. (7-1-99)

02. Self-Employed Less than One (1) Year. For individuals who are self-employed for less than one (1) year, income and expenses are averaged over the months the business has been in operation. (7-1-99)

03. Monthly Increase or Decrease. If a monthly average does not reflect actual monthly income, because of an increase or decrease in business, the self-employment income is counted monthly. This method is not used for businesses with seasonal or unusual income peaks at certain times of the year. (7-1-99)

04. Net Self-Employment Income Seven and Sixty-Five Hundredths Percent (7.65%) Deduction. If net self-employment income is over four hundred dollars (\$400) per year, seven and sixty-five hundredths percent (7.65%) is deducted. This deduction compensates for Social Security taxes paid. If self-employment Social Security tax is not paid, this deduction is not allowed. (7-1-99)

**402. SELF-EMPLOYMENT ALLOWABLE EXPENSES.**

Operating expenses subtracted from self-employment income are listed in Subsections 402.01 through 402.16. (7-1-99)

01. Labor. Labor paid to individuals not in the family. (7-1-99)

02. Materials. Materials such as stock, seed and fertilizer. (7-1-99)

03. Rent. Rent on business property. (7-1-99)

04. Interest. Interest paid to purchase income producing property. (7-1-99)

05. Insurance. Insurance paid for business property. (7-1-99)

06. Taxes. Taxes on income producing property. (7-1-99)

07. Business Transportation. Business transportation as defined by the IRS. (7-1-99)

08. Maintenance. Landscape and grounds maintenance. (7-1-99)
09. Lodging. Lodging for business related travel. (7-1-99)
10. Meals. Meals for business related travel. (7-1-99)
11. Use of Home. Costs of partial use of home for business. (7-1-99)
12. Legal. Business related legal fees. (7-1-99)
13. Shipping. Business related shipping costs. (7-1-99)
14. Uniforms. Business related uniforms. (7-1-99)
15. Utilities. Utilities for business property. (7-1-99)
16. Advertising. Business related advertising. (7-1-99)
- 403. SELF-EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES NOT ALLOWED.**  
Self-employment expenses not allowed are listed in Subsections 403.01 through 403.09. (7-1-99)
01. Payments on the Principal of Real Estate. Payments on the principal of real estate mortgages on income-producing property. (7-1-99)
02. Purchase of Capital Assets or Durable Goods. Purchases of capital assets, equipment, machinery, and other durable goods. Payments on the principal of loans for these items. (7-1-99)
03. Taxes. Federal, state, and local income taxes. (7-1-99)
04. Savings. Monies set aside for future use such as retirement or work related expenses. (7-1-99)
05. Depreciation. Depreciation for equipment, machinery, or other capital investments. (7-1-99)
06. Labor Paid to Family Member. Labor paid to any family member. (7-1-99)
07. Loss of Farm Income. Loss of farm income subtracted from other income. (7-1-99)
08. Personal Transportation. Personal transportation. (7-1-99)
09. Net Losses. Net losses from previous periods. (7-1-99)
- 404. ROYALTIES.**  
Royalties received as part of a trade or business, or for publication of the participant's work are earned income. Other royalties are unearned income. (7-1-99)
- 405. HONORARIA.**  
An honorarium for services rendered is earned income. An honorarium for travel expenses and lodging for a guest speaker is unearned income in the amount it exceeds the expenses. The portion that equals the expenses is excluded as an expense of obtaining the income. (7-1-99)
- 406. SHELTERED WORKSHOP OR WORK ACTIVITIES CENTER PAYMENTS.**  
Payments for services performed in a sheltered workshop or work activities center are earned income. (7-1-99)
- 407. JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA).**  
JTPA payments are earned income. JTPA payments for child care, transportation, medical care, meals, and other reasonable expenses, provided in cash or in-kind, are not income. (7-1-99)

**408. PROGRAMS FOR OLDER AMERICANS.**

Wages or salary paid under Chapter 35 of Title 42 of the U.S. Code, Programs for Older Americans, is earned income. (7-1-99)

**409. UNIFORMED SERVICES PAY AND ALLOWANCES.**

Basic pay is earned income. All other pay and allowances are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**410. RENTAL INCOME.**

Net rental income is unearned income, unless from the business of renting real property. Net unearned rental income is gross rent less the expenses on the rental property listed in Subsections 410.01 through 410.06. Net rental income from the business of renting properties is self-employment earned income. (7-1-99)

- 01. Interest. Interest and escrow portions of a mortgage payment. (7-1-99)
- 02. Insurance. Real estate insurance. (7-1-99)
- 03. Repairs. Minor repairs to an existing rental structure. (7-1-99)
- 04. Taxes. Property taxes. (7-1-99)
- 05. Yard Care. Lawn care, including tree and shrub care and snow removal. (7-1-99)
- 06. Advertising. Advertising costs for tenants. (7-1-99)

**411. OVERPAYMENT WITHHOLDING OF UNEARNED INCOME.**

Money withheld by any benefit program to recover an overpayment is counted as income. Money withheld is not income if the overpaid benefit amount was used to compute AABD cash. (7-1-99)

**412. RETIREMENT, SURVIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE (RSDI).**

RSDI monthly benefits are unearned income. The income is the amount reported by SSA, regardless of penalties to recover an SSI overpayment. (7-1-99)

**413. SSI PAYMENTS.**

SSI monthly payments are unearned income. The income is the amount reported by SSA, regardless of penalties to recover an SSI overpayment. An advance SSI payment, to an applicant appearing SSI eligible with a financial emergency, is not income the month received. When SSA reduces ongoing SSI to recover the advance, the SSI payment before the reduction continues to be counted as income. (7-1-99)

**414. BLACK LUNG BENEFITS.**

Black Lung payments are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**415. RAILROAD RETIREMENT PAYMENTS.**

Railroad Retirement Board payments are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**416. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS.**

Unemployment insurance benefits received under State and Federal unemployment laws are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**417. UNIFORM GIFTS TO MINORS ACT (UGMA).**

UGMA payments from the custodian to the minor are income to the minor. UGMA property, including earnings or additions, are not income to the minor until the month the minor becomes eighteen (18) years of age. (7-1-99)

**418. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

Workers' compensation, less expenses required to get the payment, is unearned income. (7-1-99)

**419. MILITARY PENSIONS.**

Military pensions are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**420. VA PENSION PAYMENTS.**

VA pension payments are unearned income. The twenty dollar (\$20) standard disregard is not subtracted, except by a special act of Congress. (7-1-99)

**421. VA COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.**

VA compensation payments to a veteran, spouse, child, or widow(er) are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**422. VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.**

VA educational payments funded by the government, but not part of vocational rehabilitation, are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**423. ALIMONY, SPOUSAL, AND ADULT SUPPORT.**

Alimony, spousal, and other adult support payments are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**424. CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.**

Child support payments are unearned income. One-third (1/3) of a child support payment is excluded for the child receiving support. Child support collected by a State and retained for TAFI payments is not income. (7-1-99)

**425. DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST.**

Dividends and interest are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**426. AWARDS.**

Awards are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**427. GIFTS.**

Gifts are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**428. PRIZES.**

Prizes are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**429. WORK-RELATED UNEARNED INCOME.**

Work-related payments that are not salary or wages are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**430. COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANTS.**

Community service block grant distributions are unearned income, unless excluded by the type of aid, such as medical services or Support and Maintenance Assistance. (7-1-99)

**431. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND SHELTER PROGRAMS.**

FEMA funds are unearned income, unless excluded by the type of aid, such as medical services or Support and Maintenance Assistance. (7-1-99)

**432. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS GENERAL ASSISTANCE (BIA GA).**

BIA GA payments are unearned income. BIA GA payments are Federally-funded income based on need. They are paid in cash or in-kind. The twenty dollar (\$20) standard disregard is not subtracted. (7-1-99)

**433. BIA ADULT CUSTODIAL CARE (ACC) AND CHILD WELFARE ASSISTANCE (CWA) PAYMENTS.**

BIA ACC and CWA payments, other than foster care, made to participants out of an institution, are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**434. INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY (IIM) ACCOUNTS.**

Deposits to an unrestricted IIM account are income in the month deposited. (7-1-99)

**435. ACCELERATED LIFE INSURANCE INCOME.**

Accelerated life insurance payments are unearned income in the month received. (7-1-99)

**436. REAL ESTATE CONTRACT INCOME.**

Payments received on the interest of a negotiable real estate contract are unearned income. Payments received on the principal of a negotiable real estate contract are a resource. Payments received on a nonnegotiable real estate contract are unearned income. Payments received on an excluded real estate contract of a long-term care participant are unearned income. (7-1-99)

**437. LIMITED AWARD TO CHILD WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION.**

Any gift from a tax exempt nonprofit organization to a child under age eighteen (18), who has a life threatening condition, is excluded from income under the conditions in Subsections 437.01 through 437.02. (7-1-99)

01. In-Kind. An in-kind gift is excluded if the gift is not converted to cash. (7-1-99)

02. Cash. Cash gifts are excluded up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the calendar year the cash gifts are made. (7-1-99)

**438. -- 450. (RESERVED).**

**451. DEEMING INCOME.**

Income deeming counts the income of another person as available to an AABD participant, for eligibility and the amount of AABD cash. Income is deemed to the participant from his ineligible spouse. Income is deemed to the child participant from his ineligible parent. Income deeming starts the first full calendar month the participant is in a deeming situation. Deeming ends the first full calendar month the participant is not in a deeming situation. Deeming to a child ends the month after the child's eighteenth birthday. (7-1-99)

01. Ineligible Parent. A natural or adoptive father or mother, or a stepparent, who does not receive AABD and lives in the same household as a child. (7-1-99)

02. Ineligible Spouse. A participant's husband or wife, living with the participant, not receiving AABD is an ineligible spouse. The ineligible husband or wife, of the parent of a child participant, living with the child participant and his parent, is an ineligible spouse. (7-1-99)

03. Ineligible Child. A child under age twenty-one (21) who does not receive AABD, and lives with the AABD participant. (7-1-99)

04. Income Deeming Exclusions. Income excluded from deeming is listed in Table 451.04.

| <b>TABLE 451.04 - INCOME DEEMING EXCLUSIONS</b>  |  |                         |                                     |
|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Type of Income</b>  | <b>Ineligible Spouse or Parent, Ineligible Child, Eligible Legal Non-citizen</b> | <b>Essential Person</b> | <b>Sponsor of Legal Non-citizen</b> |
| Income excluded by Federal laws other than the Social Security Act.  | Excluded   | Excluded                | Excluded                            |
| Public Income Maintenance Payments (PIM). Public income maintenance payments include TAFI, AABD, SSI, refugee cash assistance, BIA-GA, VA payments based on need, local, county and state payments based on need, and payments under the 1974 Disaster Relief Act. | Excluded   | Not Excluded            | Not Excluded                        |

| <b>TABLE 451.04 - INCOME DEEMING EXCLUSIONS</b>  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Type of Income</b>  | <b>Ineligible Spouse or Parent, Ineligible Child, Eligible Legal Non-citizen</b> | <b>Essential Person</b>                        | <b>Sponsor of Legal Non-citizen</b>            |
| Income used by a PIM program for amount of payment to someone other than an SSI recipient.   | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Grants, scholarships, fellowships.   | Excluded   | Not Excluded (unless excluded by Federal laws) | Not Excluded (unless excluded by Federal laws) |
| Foster care payments.  | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Food Stamps and Dept. of Agriculture donated foods.  | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Home grown produce.  | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Tax refunds on real property or food.  | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Income used in an approved plan for achieving self support (PASS).   | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Income used to pay court ordered or Title IV-D support payments.   | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Payments based to Alaskans based on age and residence.   | Excluded (not applicable to children)  | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Disaster Assistance.   | Excluded   | Excluded                                       | Excluded                                       |
| Infrequent or irregular income.  | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Blind Work Expenses (BWE).   | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Payments to provide in-home support.   | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Home energy assistance and support and maintenance assistance.   | Excluded   | Excluded                                       | Excluded                                       |
| Child's earned income, up to four hundred dollars (\$400) per month and one thousand six hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,620) per year.  | Excluded (not applicable to spouses or parents)                                  | Does Not Apply                                 | Does Not Apply                                 |
| Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE).   | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |
| Interest on burial funds, appreciation in the value of burial space purchase agreements excluded from resources and interest on the value of burial space purchase agreements. | Excluded   | Not Excluded                                   | Not Excluded                                   |

(7-1-99)

**452. DEEMING INCOME FROM INELIGIBLE SPOUSE TO PARTICIPANT.**

Income is deemed from an ineligible spouse to the participant, if they live together. Income is deemed as described in

Subsections 452.01 through 452.08.

| <b>TABLE 452 - INCOME DEEMED FROM INELIGIBLE SPOUSE</b> |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | <b>STEP</b>   | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| 01.   | Compute Child's Living Allowance.                                   | <p>Compute the living allowance for each ineligible child in the household. The living allowance is the difference between the basic allowance for a person living alone and the basic allowance for a couple. Round up cents to the next dollar. A child receiving public income-maintenance payments does not get a living allowance.</p> <p>Subtract the child's unearned income from his living allowance. Subtract the child's earned income from any living allowance remaining.</p> |
| 02.   | Adjust Spouse Income with Child's Living Allowance                  | Subtract the remaining living allowance, for each ineligible child in the household, from the ineligible spouse's gross unearned income, then from gross earned income.  |
| 03.   | Add Adjusted Earned and Unearned Incomes                            | Add adjusted earned and unearned income. This is the deemed income of the ineligible spouse.   |
| 04.   | Compute Participant's Needs as a Single Person                      | Compute the participant's budgeted AABD needs as if he was a single person, living alone.  |
| 05.   | Deemed Income Equal to or Less Than One-Half of Participant's Needs | If the deemed income is equal to, or less than, one-half of the participant's budgeted needs, computed as if he was a single person living alone, no income is deemed from the ineligible spouse.  |
| 06.   | Deemed Income More Than One-Half Participant's Needs                | If the deemed income is more than one-half of the participant's budgeted needs, computed as if he was a single person living alone, continue the deeming process.  |

| TABLE 452 - INCOME DEEMED FROM INELIGIBLE SPOUSE |                              |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|
|  | STEP                         | PROCEDURE  |
| 07.  | Compute Participant's Income | <p>Add the remaining earned and unearned ineligible spouse deemed income (after the ineligible child deduction) to the gross earned and unearned incomes of the participant. This is the total earned and unearned income.</p> <p>Subtract the standard disregard of twenty dollars (\$20) from the total unearned income.</p> <p>If the total unearned income is less than twenty dollars (\$20), subtract the remainder from the total earned income.</p> <p>Subtract the earned income disregard of sixty-five dollars (\$65) from the earned income.</p> <p>Subtract one-half of the remaining earned income.</p> <p>Combine the remaining unearned income and the remaining earned income to compute the participant's total countable income.</p> <p>Determine the couple's budgeted needs as if they were an eligible couple. If the participant's countable income, including deemed income, is more than the couple's budgeted needs, the participant is ineligible.</p> <p>If the participant's countable income, including deemed income, is less than the couple's budgeted needs compute the participant's AABD cash.</p> |
| 08.  | Determine AABD Cash          | <p>Subtract the participant's countable and deemed incomes from the couple's budgeted needs, to compute the budget deficit.</p> <p>Compute a second budget deficit, using the participant's income, and the single person budgeted needs.</p> <p>AABD cash is the smaller of the two (2) budget deficits.</p>  |

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**453. DEEMING INCOME FROM INELIGIBLE PARENT TO AABD CHILD.**

Income is deemed from an ineligible parent, or his ineligible spouse, to a child participant under age eighteen (18) living in the same household. A stepparent's income is deemed to the child for AABD cash, but not Medicaid. The income is deemed as described in Subsections 453.01 through 453.11.

| TABLE 453 - INCOME DEEMED FROM INELIGIBLE PARENT |                                     |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
|  | STEP                                | PROCEDURE  |
| 01.  | Compute Child's Living Allowance    | <p>Compute the living allowance for each ineligible child in the household. The living allowance is the difference between the basic allowance for a person living alone and the basic allowance for a couple. Round up cents to the next dollar. A child receiving public income-maintenance payments does not get a living allowance.</p> <p>Subtract the child's unearned income from his living allowance.<br/>Subtract the child's earned income from any living allowance remaining.</p> <p>Subtract the remaining living allowance, for each ineligible child in the household, from the ineligible parents unearned income. If any living allowance remains subtract it from the parent's earned income.</p> |
| 02.  | Remaining Parental Income           | The parent may have remaining income. Go to Subsection 453.03.   |
| 03.  | Subtract Income Disregard           | Subtract one (1) standard twenty dollar (\$20) disregard from the unearned income of the parents. If unearned income is less than twenty dollars (\$20) subtract the balance of the twenty dollars (\$20) from the earned income of the parents.   |
| 04.  | Subtract Earned Income Disregard    | Subtract one (1) sixty-five dollar (\$65) earned income disregard from the earned income of the parents.<br>Subtract one-half (1/2) of the remaining balance of the earned income of the parents.  |
| 05.  | Combine Income                      | Combine any remaining parental earned income with any remaining parental unearned income.  |
| 06.  | Compute Living Allowance for Parent | <p>Compute a living allowance for the ineligible parent. For one (1) parent, the living allowance is the basic allowance for a person living alone.</p> <p>For two (2) parents, the living allowance is the basic allowance for a couple. A parent receiving public income maintenance payments does not get a living allowance.</p>   |
| 07.  | Subtract Living Allowance           | Subtract the parent living allowance from the remaining balance of the parent's income. This is the deemed parental income.  |
| 08.  | Divide Deemed Income                | <p>If there is more than one (1) child participant in the household, the deemed parental income is divided equally between those children. Each child's share of parental income must only reduce the amount of his AABD cash to zero, when combined with the child's own countable income.</p> <p>Excess deemed parental income, remaining after a child participant's AABD cash is reduced to zero, is divided equally between the other child participants in the household. The excess deemed income is combined with their share of the parental income available for deeming.</p>  |
| 09.  | Subtract Disregard                  | Subtract the standard twenty dollar (\$20) disregard from each child participant's unearned income, including deemed income. If a child's total unearned income is less than twenty dollars (\$20), subtract the balance of the standard disregard from the child's earned income.   |

| <b>TABLE 453 - INCOME DEEMED FROM INELIGIBLE PARENT</b> |                    |  |
|---|--------------------|--|
|   | <b>STEP</b>        | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| 10.   | Subtract Disregard | Subtract the sixty-five dollar (\$65) earned income disregard and one-half of the balance from each child's own earned income.   |
| 11.   | Combine Income     | Combine each child's unearned income with his earned income. If the child's remaining countable income is less than his actual budgeted needs, the child has a budget deficit.<br>If the child is otherwise eligible, his AABD cash is the budget deficit. |

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**454. DEEMING INCOME FROM ESSENTIAL PERSON TO PARTICIPANT.**

If a participant and an essential person live in the same household, the essential person's income is deemed to the participant. If essential person deeming makes the participant ineligible, do not use essential person deeming. The income is deemed as described in Subsections 454.01 through 454.06.

| <b>TABLE 454 - DEEMING FROM ESSENTIAL PERSON TO PARTICIPANTS</b> |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
|  | <b>STEP</b>         | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| 01.  | Compute Income      | Compute the total earned and unearned income of the essential person.<br>Subtract income exclusions.   |
| 02.  | Subtract Disregard  | Subtract income exclusions and disregards from the participant's income.   |
| 03.  | Add Unearned Income | Add the income from Subsection 454.01 to the participant's unearned income.  |
| 04.  | Add Earned Income   | Add the participant's remaining earned income from Subsection 454.02 to the income in Subsection 454.03. This is the participant's countable income. |
| 05.  | Compute Needs       | Compute the participant's budgeted needs, as though the participant and the essential person were an AABD couple.                                    |
| 06.  | Subtract Income     | Subtract participant's income in Subsection 454.04 from his budgeted needs.<br>The difference is the participant's AABD cash.                        |

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**455. DEEMING INCOME FROM INELIGIBLE SPOUSE TO PARTICIPANT AND CHILD PARTICIPANT.**

If a participant, his ineligible spouse and their child participant live in the same household, income is deemed from the participant to the child participant. The income is deemed as described in Subsections 455.01 through 455.03.

| <b>TABLE 455 - DEEMING FROM INELIGIBLE SPOUSE TO PARTICIPANT AND CHILD PARTICIPANT</b> |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
|  | <b>STEP</b>              | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| 01.  | Compute AABD cash        | Use the procedures in Table 452, to determine if the participant is eligible for AABD cash. If the participant is eligible, no income is deemed to the child participant.  |
| 02.  | Participant Not Eligible | If the participant has too much income, including deemed income, to be eligible for AABD cash, all income over the amount needed to reduce the participant's AABD cash to zero is deemed to the child participant. |

| <b>TABLE 455 - DEEMING FROM INELIGIBLE SPOUSE TO PARTICIPANT AND CHILD PARTICIPANT</b> |                      |   |
|--|----------------------|---|
|  | <b>STEP</b>          | <b>PROCEDURE</b>  |
| 03.  | Divide Deemed Income | If there is more than one (1) child participant in the household, the deemed parental income is divided equally between those children. Each child's share of parental income must only reduce the amount of his AABD cash to zero, when combined with the child's own countable income. Excess deemed parental income, remaining after a child participant's AABD cash is reduced to zero, is divided equally between the other child participants in the household. The excess deemed income is combined with their share of the parental income available for deeming. |

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**456. DEEMING INCOME FROM SPONSOR TO LEGAL NON-CITIZEN PARTICIPANT - NO I-864 AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT.**

Deem income as described in this Section, if the legal non-citizen's sponsor signed an affidavit of support other than the I-864. The deemed income is counted, even if the participant does not live in the sponsor's household. The sponsor's income is not deemed to the participant for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

01. Three (3) Year Limit. Effective October 1, 1996 the deeming period, regardless of admission date, is three (3) years after the date the legal non-citizen is lawfully admitted. Deeming stops the end of the month, three (3) years from the date the sponsored participant lawfully entered the U.S. for permanent residence. (7-1-99)

02. Sponsored Legal Non-Citizen Exempt From Deeming. A lawfully admitted legal non-citizen participant is exempt from sponsor deeming if one (1) or more of the conditions in Subsections 456.02.a. through 456.02.m. applies. (7-1-99)

- a. Refugee. The legal non-citizen was admitted to the U.S. as a refugee, asylee, or parolee. (7-1-99)
- b. Applied before October 1, 1980. The legal non-citizen first applied for AABD before October 1, 1980. (7-1-99)
- c. Permanent resident. The legal non-citizen is a permanent resident under color of law. (7-1-99)
- d. Sponsored with job. The legal non-citizen's entry into the U.S. was sponsored by a church, other social service organization, or an employer who has offered him a job. (7-1-99)
- e. Blind or disabled. The legal non-citizen becomes blind or disabled after he is admitted to the U.S. (7-1-99)
- f. Legal non-citizen lives with spouse. The legal non-citizen was sponsored by and resides in the same household with his ineligible spouse or ineligible parent. Use ineligible spouse and ineligible parent deeming, not sponsor deeming. (7-1-99)
- g. Sponsor dies. The legal non-citizen's sponsor dies. (7-1-99)
- h. Legalized legal non-citizen. The legal non-citizen was legalized under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. (7-1-99)
- i. Resided for thirty-six (36) months. The legal non-citizen has lived in the U.S. for thirty-six (36) months beginning with the month he was admitted for permanent residence or granted permanent residence status. (7-1-99)
- j. Registry legal non-citizen. The legal non-citizen was admitted under section 249 of the INA as a

registry legal non-citizen. (7-1-99)

k. Amerasian legal non-citizen. The legal non-citizen is an applicant for permanent residence who is an Amerasian or a specified relative of an Amerasian. The Amerasian must be born in Vietnam between January 1, 1962 and January 1, 1976. A specified relative is a spouse, child, parent or stepparent of the Amerasian, or someone who has acted in the place of a parent of an Amerasian and/or his spouse or child. (7-1-99)

l. Cuban/Haitian. The legal non-citizen is an applicant for adjustment under the Cuban/Haitian provisions of Section 202 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. (7-1-99)

03. Sponsor/Legal Non-Citizen Relationships. Sponsor/legal non-citizen relationships and deeming rules are listed in Subsections 456.03.a. through 456.03.f.

| <b>TABLE 456.03 - SPONSOR/LEGAL NON-CITIZEN RELATIONSHIPS AND DEEMING</b> |                                     |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
|   | <b>STEP</b>                         | <b>PROCEDURE</b>  |
| a.  | Sponsor is Spouse                   | If the legal non-citizen's sponsor is his ineligible spouse, and the couple does not live together, sponsor to legal non-citizen deeming is used.   |
| b.  | Legal Non-Citizen is Child          | If the legal non-citizen is a child, and does not live with his sponsor parent(s), sponsor to legal non-citizen deeming is used.  |
| c.  | Child With Ineligible Parent        | If the participant is a child whose ineligible parent(s) and sponsor both have income available for deeming to him, the income of the ineligible parent(s) is deemed as in Section 376.                     |
| d.  | Child Eligible After Parent Deeming | If the child remains eligible after income is deemed from his ineligible parent(s), the sponsor's income is deemed to him under the sponsor to legal non-citizen deeming procedures.                        |
| e.  | Participant Couple With Sponsors    | If each member of a participant couple has his own sponsor, separate deeming computations are used. The couple's countable income includes the combined deemed incomes.                                     |
| f.  | Member of Couple Not Eligible       | If one (1) member of a couple with separate sponsors is not eligible, the ineligible spouse's income is deemed to the participant as in Section 379. This is in addition to income deemed from the sponsor. |

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04. Sponsor to Legal Non-Citizen Deeming Procedures. Budget the legal non-citizen's actual needs, as if he is a single person living alone. Subtract the legal non-citizen's own income, less exclusions and disregards. Subtract the couple's income, less exclusions, from their needs. If there is no budget deficit, the participant is not eligible. If there is a budget deficit, follow the procedures in Subsections 456.04.a. through 456.04.d. to compute sponsor deemed income.

| <b>TABLE 456.04 - SPONSOR TO LEGAL NON-CITIZEN DEEMING PROCEDURES</b> |                |  |
|---|----------------|--|
|   | <b>STEP</b>    | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| a.  | Compute Income | Compute the gross monthly earned and unearned income of the sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if living with him. |

| <b>TABLE 456.04 - SPONSOR TO LEGAL NON-CITIZEN DEEMING PROCEDURES</b> |                                     |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
|   | <b>STEP</b>                         | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| b.  | Subtract Living Allowance           | Subtract a living allowance for the sponsor the sponsor's spouse, if living with him. The sponsor's living allowance is the basic allowance for a single person living alone. The living allowance for the sponsor's spouse is one-half the basic allowance for a single person living alone. Round up cents to the next dollar.   |
| c.  | Subtract Dependent Living Allowance | Subtract a living allowance for each dependent claimed by the sponsor on his most recent Federal tax return. Do not subtract an allowance for the sponsor's spouse in this step. The living allowance is one-half the basic allowance for a single person living alone. Round up cents to the next dollar. Do not reduce the living allowance by the dependent's income. |
| d.  | Deem Income                         | Income remaining is deemed to the participant from the sponsor.  |

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**457. DEEMING INCOME FROM SPONSOR TO LEGAL NON-CITIZEN - SPONSOR SIGNED I-864 AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT.**

If the legal non-citizen's sponsor has signed an I-864 affidavit of support, all income of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse is deemed to the legal non-citizen for AABD cash and Medicaid eligibility. Deeming continues until the legal non-citizen becomes a naturalized citizen or has forty (40) quarters of work. (7-1-99)

**458. -- 499. (RESERVED).**

**500. FINANCIAL NEED AND AABD CASH AMOUNT.**

The participant must have financial need. The participant has financial need if his allowances are more than his income. If the participant is eligible, his AABD cash payment is the difference between his financial need and his countable income. If the difference is not an even dollar amount, AABD cash is paid at the next higher dollar. AABD cash is paid electronically as set forth in IDAPA 16.03.20, "Rules Governing Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) of Public Assistance and Food Stamps". (7-1-99)

**501. BASIC ALLOWANCE.**

The basic allowance for a participant, not living in a nursing facility, is listed in Subsections 501.01 through 501.04. (7-1-99)

01. Single Participant. A participant is budgeted five hundred forty dollars (\$540) monthly as a basic allowance when living in a situation described in Subsections 501.01.a. through 501.01.f. (7-1-99)

a. Living alone. (7-1-99)

b. Living with his ineligible spouse. (7-1-99)

c. Living with another participant who is not his spouse. (7-1-99)

d. Living in another's household. (7-1-99)

e. Living in a room and board home. Room and board is a living arrangement where the participant purchases lodging (room) and meals (board). (7-1-99)

f. Living with his TAFI child. (7-1-99)

02. Couple or Participant Living With Essential Person. A participant living with his participant spouse or his essential person is budgeted seven hundred sixty-six dollars (\$766) monthly as a basic allowance. (7-1-99)

03. SIGRIF. A participant living in a semi-independent group residential facility (SIGRIF) is budgeted three hundred forty-nine dollars (\$349) monthly as a basic allowance. (7-1-99)

**502. SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES.**

Special needs allowances are a restaurant meals allowance and a guide dog food allowance. (7-1-99)

01. Restaurant Meals. The restaurant meals allowance is fifty dollars (\$50) monthly. A physician must state the participant is physically unable to prepare food in his home. A participant able to prepare his food, but living in a place where cooking is not permitted, may be budgeted the restaurant meals allowance for up to three (3) months. (7-1-99)

02. Guide Dog Food. The guide dog food allowance is seventeen dollars (\$17) monthly. The allowance is budgeted for a blind participant, using a guide dog trained by a recognized guide dog school. (7-1-99)

**503. -- 510. (RESERVED).**

**511. SEMI-INDEPENDENT GROUP RESIDENTIAL FACILITY (SIGRIF) ALLOWANCE.**

The Adult Residential Care Committee (ARCC) must certify need for care, before the SIGRIF allowance can be budgeted. A participant's SIGRIF allowance is two hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$277) monthly. (7-1-99)

**512. UNLICENSED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY OR ADULT FOSTER HOME.**

Each participant living in an unlicensed adult residential care facility or adult foster home is budgeted a basic allowance of fifty-eight dollars (\$58) monthly. The participant is also budgeted an unlicensed care allowance, not to exceed three hundred and thirty dollars (\$330) monthly. (7-1-99)

**513. LICENSED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY AND ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME ALLOWANCES.**

Each participant living in an adult residential care facility or adult foster home is budgeted a basic allowance of fifty-eight dollars (\$58) monthly. A participant is also budgeted a monthly allowance for adult residential care or adult foster care based on his level of care. If the participant gets a lower level of care than his assessed level, his allowance is for the lower level of care. Care levels and monthly allowances are listed in Subsections 513.01 through 513.03.

| TABLE 513 CARE LEVELS AND MAXIMUM PAYMENTS |               |   |
|--|---------------|---|
|  | LEVEL OF CARE | MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWANCE                       |
| 01.  | LEVEL I       | Seven hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$783). |
| 02.  | LEVEL II      | Eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850).        |
| 03.  | LEVEL III     | Nine hundred and eighteen dollars (\$918).      |

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**514. ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE AND ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME ASSESSMENT AND LEVEL OF CARE.**

The participant's need for care, level of care, plan of care, and the licensed facility's ability to provide care is assessed by the Regional Adult Residential Care Committee (ARCC) when a participant is admitted. The ARCC must approve the placement before AABD cash can be paid. (7-1-99)

**515. INCREASE IN LEVEL OF CARE.**

An increase in level of care is effective the month the ARCC reassesses the level of care. The participant's supplemental AABD cash is the difference between his AABD cash at the lower level of care and his AABD cash at the higher level of care. (7-1-99)

**516. DECREASE IN LEVEL OF CARE.**

When the ARCC verifies the participant has a decrease in his level of care, his AABD cash must be decreased or closed, after timely notice. No overpayment exists for the month the level of care decreased. (7-1-99)

**517. -- 520. (RESERVED).**

**521. MOVE FROM LICENSED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY OR ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME TO LIVING SITUATION OTHER THAN A NURSING HOME OR HOSPITAL.**

A participant may move from a licensed facility to a living situation, other than a nursing home or hospital. No change to his AABD cash is made, based on the move, until the next month. (7-1-99)

**522. MOVE TO A LICENSED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY OR ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME FROM NURSING HOME OR HOSPITAL.**

A participant may move to an adult residential care facility or adult foster care home from a nursing home or hospital. AABD eligibility, payment amount and underpayment are determined for the month of the move. (7-1-99)

**523. MOVE TO A LICENSED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY OR ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME FROM LIVING SITUATION OTHER THAN NURSING HOME OR HOSPITAL.**

A participant may move to a licensed facility, from a different living situation, other than a nursing home or hospital. The AABD underpayment is determined for the month of the move. (7-1-99)

**524. MOVE FROM NURSING HOME OR HOSPITAL.**

A participant may move from a nursing home or hospital, to a different living situation, but not an adult residential care facility or adult foster care home. His AABD cash for the month is determined as if he lived in his new living situation the entire month. His AABD cash is his AABD allowances less his countable income. (7-1-99)

**525. -- 530. (RESERVED).**

**531. COUPLE BUDGETING.**

Income of an AABD participant and his participant spouse living in the same household is combined. The twenty dollar (\$20) standard income disregard and the sixty-five dollar (\$65) earned income disregard are subtracted once a month, per couple. Each member of a couple living in an institution must have income budgeted as a single person. A couple living together as of the first day of a month, is counted as living together throughout that month. Budgeting as a couple continues through the month the couple stops living together. For couple budgeting, a household is a home, a rental, another's household, or room and board. (7-1-99)

**532. -- 539. (RESERVED).**

**540. STANDARD DISREGARD.**

The standard disregard is twenty dollars (\$20). The standard disregard is first subtracted from unearned income. If the unearned income is less than the standard disregard, the remainder of the standard disregard is subtracted from earned income. (7-1-99)

01. Standard Disregard and a Couple. Subtract the standard disregard only once a month from the combined income of a couple in the same household. (7-1-99)

02. Standard Disregard Exception. The standard disregard must not be subtracted from nonservice-connected VA payments, Title IV-E foster care payments, or BIA General Assistance. (7-1-99)

**541. SUBTRACTION OF EARNED INCOME DISREGARDS.**

Earned income disregards are subtracted from AABD earned income in the order listed in Sections 542 through 547. They are subtracted the month the income is paid. (7-1-99)

**542. SIXTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$65) EARNED INCOME DISREGARD.**

Sixty-five dollars (\$65) of earned income in a month are not counted. Subtract the sixty-five dollar (\$65) disregard only once a month from the combined income of a couple in the same household. (7-1-99)

**543. IMPAIRMENT-RELATED WORK EXPENSE (IRWE) DISREGARD.**

Impairment-related work expenses are items and services needed and used by a disabled AABD participant to work. The items must be needed because of the participant's impairment. The items may be bought or rented. The cost for impairment-related work expenses is subtracted from the participant's earned income, for eligibility and AABD cash amount. An item disregarded as a blindness work expense, or as part of a PASS, cannot be disregarded as an impairment-related work expense. (7-1-99)

**544. ONE HALF REMAINING EARNED INCOME DISREGARD.**

One half (1/2) of earned income remaining, after the IRWE is subtracted, is not counted. (7-1-99)

**545. BLINDNESS WORK EXPENSE DISREGARD.**

The cost of earning income is subtracted from the earned income of a blind person. The blind person must be under age sixty-five (65). If the blind person is age sixty-five (65) or older, he must receive SSI for blindness, or have received AABD the month before he became sixty-five (65). (7-1-99)

01. Blind Work Expense Limit. Blindness work expenses are subtracted from earned income. The amount subtracted must not exceed the participant's monthly earnings. (7-1-99)

02. No Duplication for Blind Work Expenses. Expenses, subtracted under the impairment-related work expense disregard, cannot be subtracted again under this disregard. (7-1-99)

**546. PLAN TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUPPORT (PASS).**

A blind or disabled participant, with an approved plan to achieve self-support (PASS), must have income and resources disregarded. Conditions for this disregard are listed in Subsections 546.01 through 546.03. (7-1-99)

01. Under Sixty-Five (65). The participant must be under sixty-five (65), or receive AABD for the blind or disabled during the month of his sixty-fifth birthday. (7-1-99)

02. Approved PASS. A participant receiving SSI must have a PASS approved by SSA. A participant not receiving SSI must have a PASS approved by the Department. (7-1-99)

03. Income Necessary for Self-Support. The income and resources disregarded under the PASS must be necessary for the participant to achieve self-support. (7-1-99)

**547. PASS APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT.**

A PASS approved by the Department must be in writing. The PASS must contain all the items in Subsections 547.01 through 547.06. (7-1-99)

01. Occupational Objective. The PASS must have a specific occupational objective. (7-1-99)

02. Specific Goals. The PASS must have specific goals for using the disregarded income and resources to achieve self-support. (7-1-99)

03. Time Limit. The PASS must show a specific target date to achieve the goal. An approved PASS is limited to an initial period of eighteen (18) months. Extensions may be granted if needed. (7-1-99)

a. The first extension period lasts up to eighteen (18) months. (7-1-99)

b. A second eighteen (18) month extension period can be granted. (7-1-99)

c. A final extension, up to twelve (12) months can be granted. The PASS can be extended a total of forty-eight (48) months, when the original PASS goal required extensive education or vocational training. (7-1-99)

04. No Duplication of Disregards. An item disregarded as an impairment-related work expense or under the blindness exception cannot be disregarded under the PASS. (7-1-99)

05. Resource Limitation. The PASS disregard must not be used for resources, unless the resources

cause the participant to be ineligible without the PASS disregard. (7-1-99)

06. Disregard of Resources. The PASS must list the participant's resources. The PASS must list any resources the participant will receive under the plan. The PASS must show how the resources will be used toward the occupational goal. The PASS must list goal-related items or activities requiring savings or purchases and the amounts the participant plans to save or spend. The PASS must list resources disregarded under the plan. The PASS must show resources disregarded under the plan can be identified separate from the participant's other resources. (7-1-99)

**548. -- 599. (RESERVED).**

**600. DEPARTMENT NOTICE RESPONSIBILITY.**

The participant must be notified of changes in eligibility or AABD cash amount. The notice must give the effective date, the reason for the action, the rule that supports the action, and appeal rights. (7-1-99)

**601. ADVANCE NOTICE RESPONSIBILITY.**

When a reported change results in closure or decrease, the participant must be notified at least ten (10) calendar days before the effective date of the action. (7-1-99)

**602. ADVANCE NOTICE NOT REQUIRED.**

Advance notice is not required when a condition listed in Subsections 602.01 through 602.10 exists. The participant must be notified by the date of the action. (7-1-99)

01. Death of Participant. The Department has proof of the participant's death. (7-1-99)
02. Participant Request. The participant requests closure in writing. (7-1-99)
03. Participant in Institution. The participant is admitted or committed to an institution. Further payments to the participant do not qualify for federal financial participation under the state plan. (7-1-99)
04. Nursing Care. The participant is placed in a nursing facility, or Intermediate Care for the Mentally Retarded. (7-1-99)
05. Participant Address Unknown. The participant's whereabouts are unknown. Department mail is returned with no forwarding address. (7-1-99)
06. Aid in Another State. A participant is approved for aid in another state. (7-1-99)
07. Eligible One (1) Month. The participant is eligible for aid only during the calendar month of his application for aid. (7-1-99)
08. Non-Citizen With Emergency. The participant is an illegal or legal non-citizen whose Medicaid eligibility ends the day his emergency medical condition stops. (7-1-99)
09. Retroactive Medicaid. The participant's Medicaid eligibility is for a prior period. (7-1-99)
10. Special Allowance. A special allowance granted for a specific period is stopped. (7-1-99)
11. Patient Liability. Patient liability or client participation changes. (7-1-99)
12. Level of Care. The participant's level of care changes. (7-1-99)

**603. RETROACTIVE AABD CASH.**

Retroactive AABD cash is paid when a participant is underpaid due to Department error. Retroactive AABD cash is paid when a participant gets a favorable fair hearing decision. Retroactive AABD cash is paid when an AABD applicant's SSI payments are delayed because of SSA delays. (7-1-99)

**604. RETROACTIVE AABD CASH AND PARTICIPANT DETERMINED SSI ELIGIBLE AFTER APPEAL.**

If the SSA finds a participant is blind or disabled, based on an appeal of an SSA decision, the participant meets the disability requirements for AABD cash and related Medicaid on the effective date determined by SSA. (7-1-99)

**605. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

The participant must report changes in circumstances verbally or in writing, within ten (10) calendar days from the date the change becomes known to him. The participant must show good cause for not reporting changes. If failure to report a change results in an overpayment, the overpayment must be recovered. (7-1-99)

**606. REQUIRED PROOF.**

The participant must prove continuing eligibility for aid when a change could affect eligibility. The participant is allowed ten (10) calendar days to provide requested proof. The case is closed if the participant does not provide proof within ten (10) days and does not have good cause for not providing proof. (7-1-99)

**607. CHANGES AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY OR AABD CASH AMOUNT.**

If a participant reports a change that results in an increase, AABD cash is increased effective the month of report. If a participant reports a change that results in a decrease, AABD cash is decreased or ended effective the first month after proper notice. (7-1-99)

**608. AABD CASH UNDERPAYMENT.**

If the Department is at fault for issuing a payment less than the participant should have received, the Department issues a supplemental payment for the difference. (7-1-99)

**609. AABD CASH OVERPAYMENT.**

If the participant is paid more AABD cash than he is eligible for, the Department must collect the overpayment. The Department must notify the participant of the right to a hearing, the method for repayment and the need for a repayment interview. (7-1-99)

**610. OFFSET OF OVERPAYMENT AND UNDERPAYMENT.**

When an underpayment is computed, any overpayment for that month is subtracted from the underpayment. When an overpayment is computed, any underpayment for the month is subtracted. (7-1-99)

**611. -- 619. (RESERVED).**

**620. MEDICAID OVERPAYMENT.**

If the participant receives Medicaid services during a month he is not eligible, the Department must collect the overpayment. If too little patient liability or client participation is computed, the Department must collect the overpayment. The participant must be notified of the overpayment. (7-1-99)

**621. COLLECTING UNDERPAID PATIENT LIABILITY.**

An overpayment due to underpaid patient liability or client participation is collected by withholding funds from the nursing home or HCBS provider. Adjust the underpaid patient liability or client participation adjusted retroactively for each underpaid month. Funds are not withheld if the participant repays the Department. (10-1-98)

**622. (RESERVED).**

**623. ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION.**

An eligibility redetermination is completed at least once every year and when a change affecting eligibility occurs. (7-1-99)

**624. -- 649. (RESERVED).**

**650. COOPERATION WITH THE QUALITY CONTROL PROCESS.**

When the Department or federal government selects a case for review in the quality control process, the participant must cooperate in the review of the case. Benefits must be stopped, following advance notice, when a participant is unwilling to take part in the quality control process. If the participant reapplies for benefits he must fully cooperate

with the quality control process before the application can be approved. (7-1-99)

**651. -- 699. (RESERVED).**

**700. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY.**

A participant must meet the eligibility requirements for at least one (1) Medicaid coverage group to be eligible for Medicaid benefits. Income and circumstances in the current month are used for eligibility for the current month. Resources are counted as of the first moment of the month. (7-1-99)

**701. MEDICAID APPLICATION.**

An adult participant, a legal guardian or a representative of the participant must sign the application form. The participant must submit the application form to the Department. A Medicaid application may be made for a deceased person. (7-1-99)

**702. MEDICAL SUPPORT COOPERATION.**

Medical support rights are assigned to the Department by signature on the application. The participant must cooperate with the Department to secure medical support and payments, to be eligible for Medicaid. The participant must cooperate on behalf of himself and any participant for whom he can legally assign rights. A participant who cannot legally assign his own rights must not be denied Medicaid if the legally responsible person does not cooperate. (7-1-99)

**703. CHILD SUPPORT COOPERATION.**

The participant must cooperate to identify and locate the noncustodial parent, establish paternity, and establish, modify and enforce a child support order, to be eligible for Medicaid. After CSS establishes a case, the participant must forward all support payments to CSS for distribution. This includes support payments received directly from the noncustodial parent. The cooperation requirement is waived for poverty level pregnant women exempt from cooperating in establishing paternity and obtaining medical support and payments from, or derived from, the father of a child born out of wedlock. A participant who cannot legally assign his own rights must not be denied Medicaid if the legally responsible person does not cooperate. (3-1-99)T

**704. COOPERATION DEFINED.**

Cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing all information to identify and locate the noncustodial parent. Cooperation for Medicaid includes identifying other liable third party payers. (7-1-99)

01. Name of Noncustodial Parent. The participant must provide the first and last name of the noncustodial parent. (7-1-99)

02. Information About Noncustodial Parent. The participant must also provide at least two (2) pieces of information, about the noncustodial parent, listed in Subsections 703.02.a. through 703.02.g. (7-1-99)

a. Birth Date. (7-1-99)

b. Social Security Number. (7-1-99)

c. Current address. (7-1-99)

d. Current phone number. (7-1-99)

e. Current employer. (7-1-99)

f. Make, model, and license number of any motor vehicle owned by the noncustodial parent. (7-1-99)

g. Names, phone numbers and addresses of the parents of the noncustodial parent. (7-1-99)

**705. GOOD CAUSE FOR NOT COOPERATING IN SECURING MEDICAL AND CHILD SUPPORT.**

The participant may claim good cause for failure to cooperate in securing medical and child support for himself or a

minor child. Good cause is limited to the reasons listed in Subsections 705.01 through 705.03. (7-1-99)

01. Rape or Incest. There is proof the child was conceived as a result of incest or rape. (7-1-99)

02. Physical or Emotional Harm. There is proof the child's non-custodial parent may inflict physical or emotional harm to the participant, the child, the custodial parent or the caretaker relative. There is proof another person may inflict physical or emotional harm to an AABD-related participant if the participant cooperates in securing medical and child support. (7-1-99)

03. Minimum Information Cannot Be Provided. Substantial and credible proof is provided indicating the participant cannot provide the minimum information regarding the non-custodial parent. (7-1-99)

**706. CLOSURE AFTER REVIEW OF GOOD CAUSE REQUEST.**

If the participant claims good cause for not cooperating, but the Department determines there is not good cause, the participant must be given the opportunity to withdraw the application or have his Medicaid closed. (7-1-99)

**707. GROUP HEALTH PLAN ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENT.**

The participant must apply for and enroll in a cost-effective group health plan as a condition of eligibility. Medicaid must not be denied, delayed, or stopped pending the start of a participant's group health insurance coverage. A child entitled to enroll in a group health plan must not be denied Medicaid solely because his caretaker fails to apply for the child's enrollment. (7-1-99)

**708. MEDICAID QUALIFYING TRUST PAYMENTS.**

For Medicaid Qualifying Trusts established before August 11, 1993, the maximum payment permitted to be made to a participant from the trust must be counted for Medicaid eligibility. The maximum is counted whether or not the trustee actually distributes payments. (7-1-99)

**709. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR AABD PARTICIPANT.**

A participant eligible for AABD cash is eligible for Medicaid, unless he is in an ineligible institution, receives excess payment from a Medicaid Qualifying Trust, or has an irrevocable trust that is not exempt. (7-1-99)

**710. -- 720. (RESERVED).**

**721. LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENT AND MEDICAID.**

A resident of a long-term care facility must meet the AABD eligibility criteria to be eligible for Medicaid. A long-term care facility is a nursing facility, or an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded. Long-term care certification is determined using IDAPA 16.03.09, "Rules Governing Medical Assistance," Subsection 160.09. (7-1-99)

01. Resources of Resident. The resident's resource limit is two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Resources of a married person in long-term care are computed using Federal Spousal Impoverishment rules. Under the SSI method, spouses can use the three thousand dollar (\$3,000) couple resource limit if more advantageous. The couple must have lived in the nursing home, in the same room, for six (6) months. The principal balance of an excluded real estate contract is not a resource, unless it is more restrictive to Medicaid eligibility than counting the contract as a resource. (7-1-99)

02. Medicaid Income Limit of Long-Term Care Resident Thirty (30) Days or More. The monthly income limit for a long-term care facility resident is three (3) times the Federal SSI benefit for a single person. To qualify for this income limit the participant must be, or likely to remain, in long-term care at least thirty (30) consecutive days. (7-1-99)

03. Medicaid Income Limit of Long-Term Care Resident Less Than Thirty (30) Days. The monthly income limit, for the resident of a long-term care facility for less than thirty (30) consecutive days, is the AABD income limit for the participant's living situation before long-term care. Living situations before long-term care do not include hospital stays. (7-1-99)

04. Income Not Counted. The income listed in Subsections 721.04.a. through 721.04.e. is not counted

to compute Medicaid eligibility for a long-term care facility resident. This income is counted in determining participation in the cost of long-term care, except a VA "Aid and Attendance" allowance and any increment which represents a VA Unusual Medical Expense allowance. (7-1-99)

- a. Excluded AABD income. Income excluded or disregarded, in determining eligibility for AABD cash, is not counted. (7-1-99)
- b. RSDI increase. The September 1972 RSDI increase is not counted. (7-1-99)
- c. VA aid and attendance. Any VA Aid and Attendance allowance, including any increment which is the result of a VA Unusual Medical Expense allowance, is not counted. These allowances are not counted for patient liability. (7-1-99)
- d. RSDI COLA increase. RSDI benefit increases, from cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) after April 1977, are not counted if they made the participant lose SSI or AABD cash. The COLA increases after SSI or AABD cash stopped are not counted. (7-1-99)
- e. Income paid into exempt income trust. Income paid into an income trust exempt from counting for Medicaid eligibility under Sections 701.01 through 701.03 is used for patient liability is not counted. Income paid to the trust and not used for patient liability, is subject to the asset transfer penalty. (7-1-99)

**722. PATIENT LIABILITY.**

Patient liability is the participant's income counted toward the cost of long-term care. Patient liability starts the first full calendar month the patient lives in long-term care. (7-1-99)

**723. PATIENT LIABILITY FOR PERSON WITH NO COMMUNITY SPOUSE.**

For a participant with no community spouse, patient liability is computed as described in Subsections 723.01 through 723.03. (7-1-99)

01. Income of Participants in Long-Term Care. For a single participant, or participant whose spouse is also in long-term care and chooses the SSI method of calculating the amount of income and resources, the patient liability is his total income less the deductions in Subsection 723.03. (7-1-99)

02. Community Property Income of Long-Term Care Participant With Long-Term Care Spouse. Patient liability income for a participant, whose spouse is also in long-term care, choosing the community property method, is one-half (1/2) his share of the couple's community income, plus his own separate income. The deductions in Table 723.03 are subtracted from his income. (7-1-99)

03. Income of Participant in Facility. A participant residing in the long-term care facility at least one (1) full calendar month, beginning with his most recent admission, must have the deductions in Subsection 723.03.a. through 723.03.n. subtracted from his income, after the AABD exclusions are subtracted from the income. Total monthly income includes income paid into an income (Miller) trust that month. The income deductions must be subtracted in the order listed. Remaining income is patient liability. (7-1-99)

- a. AABD income exclusions. Subtract income excluded in determining eligibility for AABD cash. (7-1-99)
- b. Aid and attendance and UME allowances. Subtract a VA Aid and Attendance allowance and Unusual Medical Expense (UME) allowance for a veteran or surviving spouse. (7-1-99)
- c. SSI payment two (2) months. Subtract the SSI payment for a participant entitled to receive SSI at his at-home rate for up to two (2) months, while temporarily in a long-term care facility. (7-1-99)
- d. AABD payment. Subtract the AABD payment, and income used to compute the AABD payment, for a participant paid continued AABD payments up to three (3) months in long-term care. (7-1-99)
- e. Protected VA pension. Subtract a protected VA pension for a veteran with no spouse or dependents

or for a surviving spouse with no dependents. (7-1-99)

f. Personal needs. Subtract thirty dollars (\$30) for the participant's personal needs. For a veteran or surviving spouse with a protected VA pension, the protected pension substitutes for the thirty dollar (\$30) personal needs deduction. (7-1-99)

g. Employed and sheltered workshop activity personal needs. For an employed participant or participant engaged in sheltered workshop or work activity center activities, subtract the lower of the personal needs deduction of eighty dollars (\$80) or his gross earned income. The participant's total personal needs allowance must not exceed one hundred and ten dollars (\$110). For a veteran or surviving spouse with sheltered workshop or earned income, and a protected VA pension, the total must not exceed eighty dollars (\$80). This is a deduction only. No actual payment can be made to provide for personal needs. (7-1-99)

h. Home maintenance. Subtract two hundred and twelve dollars (\$212) for home maintenance cost if the participant had an independent living situation, before his admission for long-term care. His physician must certify in writing the participant is likely to return home within six (6) months, after the month of admission to a long-term care facility. This is a deduction only. No actual payment can be made to maintain the participant's home. (7-1-99)

i. Maintenance need. Subtract a maintenance need deduction for a family member, living in the long-term care participant's home. A family member is claimed, or could be claimed, as a dependent on the Federal Income Tax return of the long-term care participant. The family member must be a minor or dependent child, dependent parent, or dependent sibling of the long-term care participant. The maintenance need deduction is the AFDC payment standard for the dependents, computed according to the AFDC State Plan in effect before July 16, 1996. (7-1-99)

j. Medicare and health insurance premiums. Subtract expenses for Medicare and other health insurance premiums, and deductibles or coinsurance charges, not subject to payment by a third party. Deduction of Medicare Part B premiums is limited to the first two (2) months of Medicaid eligibility. Medicare Part B premiums must not be subtracted, if the participant got SSI or AABD cash the month prior to the month for which patient liability is being computed. (7-1-99)

k. Mandatory income taxes. Subtract taxes mandatorily withheld from unearned income for income tax purposes. To qualify for deduction of mandatory taxes, the tax must be withheld from income before the participant receives the income. (7-1-99)

l. Guardian fees. Subtract court-ordered guardianship fees of the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the monthly benefit handled by the guardian, or twenty-five dollars (\$25). Where the guardian and trustee are the same person, the total deduction for guardian and trust fees must not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) monthly. (7-1-99)

m. Trust fees. Subtract up to twenty-five dollars (\$25) monthly paid to the trustee for administering the participant's trust. (7-1-99)

n. Impairment related work expenses. Subtract impairment-related work expenses for an employed participant who is blind or disabled under AABD criteria. Impairment-related work expenses are purchased or rented items and services, purchased or rented to perform work. The items must be needed because of the participant's impairment. The actual monthly expense of the impairment-related items is subtracted. Expenses must not be averaged. (7-1-99)

**724. INCOME OWNERSHIP OF PARTICIPANT WITH COMMUNITY SPOUSE.**

Income ownership of a long-term care participant with a community spouse is determined before patient liability is computed. The participant's income ownership is counted as shown in Subsections 724.01 through 724.04. (7-1-99)

01. Income Paid in the Name of Spouse. Income paid solely in the name of a spouse, and not paid from a trust, is the separate income of the spouse. (7-1-99)

02. Payment In Name of Both Spouses. Income paid in the names of both the long-term care

participant and the community spouse is divided evenly between each spouse. (7-1-99)

03. Payment In Name of Spouse or Spouses and Another Person. Income paid in the names of the participant and/or the community spouse and another person is counted as available to each spouse, in proportion to the spouse's ownership. If payment is made to both spouses, and no proportion of ownership is specified, one-half of the income is counted to each spouse. (7-1-99)

04. Payment of Aid and Attendance. In the case of VA Aid and Attendance Allowance paid in the veteran's name, with an increment for the veteran's spouse, the increment is counted to the veteran. (7-1-99)

**725. PATIENT LIABILITY FOR PARTICIPANT WITH COMMUNITY SPOUSE.**

After income ownership is decided, patient liability is determined using steps in Table 725.

| <b>TABLE 725 - INCOME DEDUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANT IN FACILITY</b> |  |  |
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|  | <b>STEP</b>                                    | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| 01.  | AABD Income Exclusions                         | Subtract income excluded in determining eligibility for AABD cash.   |
| 02.  | Aid and Attendance and UME Allowances          | Subtract a VA Aid and Attendance allowance and Unusual Medical Expense (UME) allowance for a veteran or surviving spouse.  |
| 03.  | SSI Payment Two (2) Months                     | Subtract the SSI payment for a participant entitled to receive SSI at his at-home rate for up to two (2) months, while temporarily in a long-term care facility.   |
| 04.  | AABD Cash                                      | Subtract the AABD cash payment and income used to compute AABD cash, for a participant eligible to have his AABD cash continued up to three (3) months, while he is in long-term care.   |
| 05.  | Protected VA Pension                           | Subtract a protected VA pension for a veteran with no spouse or dependents or for a surviving spouse with no dependents.   |
| 06.  | Personal Needs                                 | Subtract thirty dollars (\$30) for the participant's personal needs. Do not allow this deduction for a veteran or surviving spouse with a protected VA pension. The protected pension substitutes for the thirty dollar (\$30) personal needs deduction. |
| 07.  | Employed and Sheltered Workshop Activity Needs | For an employed participant or participant engaged in sheltered workshop or work activity center activities subtract the lower of eighty dollars (\$80) or his earned income.  |

| TABLE 725 - INCOME DEDUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANT IN FACILITY |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
|   | STEP                                  | PROCEDURE  |
| 08.   | Community Spouse Allowance<br>Step a. | <p>Compute the Community Spouse Allowance (CSA) using Step a. through Step c.</p> <p>Compute the Shelter Adjustment.<br/>Add the current Food Stamp Program Standard Utility Allowance to the community spouse's shelter costs.</p> <p>Shelter costs include rent, mortgage principal and interest, homeowner's taxes, insurance, and condominium or cooperative maintenance charges. The Standard Utility Allowance must be reduced by the value of any utilities included in maintenance charges for a condominium or cooperative. Subtract the Shelter Standard from the shelter and utilities. The Shelter Standard is thirty percent (30%) of one hundred fifty percent (150%) of one-twelfth (1/12) of the income official poverty line defined by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a family of two (2) persons.</p> <p>The Shelter Adjustment is the positive balance remaining.</p> |
| 09.   | Community Spouse Allowance<br>Step b. | <p>Compute the Community Spouse Need Standard (CSNS).<br/>Add the Shelter Adjustment to the minimum CSNS.<br/>The minimum CSNS equals one hundred fifty percent (150%) of one-twelfth (1/12) of the income official poverty line defined by the OMB for a family unit of two (2) members. The minimum CSNS is revised annually in July.<br/>The total CSNS may not exceed the maximum CSNS. The maximum CSNS is computed by multiplying one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (all items; U.S. city average) between September 1988 and the September before the current calendar year. The maximum CSNS is revised annually in January.</p>  |
| 10.   | Community Spouse Allowance<br>Step c. | <p>Compute the Community Spouse Allowance.<br/>Subtract the community spouse's gross income from the CSNS. The community spouse's income includes income produced by his resources. Round any remaining cents to the next higher dollar. Any positive balance remaining is the CSA. The CSA is subtracted as actually paid to the community spouse, up to the computed maximum.<br/>A larger spouse support amount must be used as the CSA, if court-ordered.<br/>The CSA ordered by a court is not subject to the CSA limit.</p>  |

| <b>TABLE 725 - INCOME DEDUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANT IN FACILITY</b> |  |  |
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|  | <b>STEP</b>                            | <b>PROCEDURE</b>   |
| 11.  | Family Member Allowance (FMA)          | <p>Compute the family member's gross income.<br/>                     Subtract the family member's gross income from the minimum CSNS.<br/>                     Divide the difference by three (3).<br/>                     Round cents to the next higher dollar.</p> <p>Any remainder is the FMA for that family member. The FMA is allowed, whether or not it is actually paid by the participant.</p> <p>A family member is, or could be claimed, as a dependent on the Federal income tax return of either spouse. The family member must be a minor or dependent child, dependent parent or dependent sibling of either spouse. The family member must live in the community spouse's home.</p> |
| 12.  | Medicare and Health Insurance Premiums | <p>Subtract expenses for Medicare and other health insurance premiums, and deductibles or coinsurance charges, not subject to payment by a third party. Deduction of Medicare Part B premiums is limited to the first two (2) months of Medicaid eligibility.<br/>                     Do not subtract the Medicare Part B premiums if the participant got SSI or AABD cash the month prior to the month for which patient liability is being computed.</p>  |
| 13.  | Mandatory Income Taxes                 | <p>Subtract taxes mandatorily withheld from unearned income for income tax purposes. To qualify for deduction of mandatory taxes, the tax must be withheld from income before the participant receives the income.</p>   |
| 14.  | Guardian Fees                          | <p>Subtract court-ordered guardianship fees of the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the monthly benefit handled by the guardian, or twenty-five dollars (\$25). Where the guardian and trustee are the same person, the total deduction for guardian and trust fees must not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) monthly.</p>  |
| 15.  | Trust Fees                             | <p>Subtract up to twenty-five dollars (\$25) monthly paid to the trustee for administering the participant's trust.</p>  |
| 16.  | Impairment Related Work Expenses       | <p>Subtract impairment-related work expenses for an employed participant who is blind or disabled under AABD criteria.<br/>                     Impairment-related work expenses are purchased or rented items and services, purchased or rented to perform work.<br/>                     The items must be needed because of the participant's impairment.<br/>                     The actual monthly expense of the impairment-related items is subtracted.<br/>                     Expenses must not be averaged.</p>  |

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**726. FAIR HEARING ON CSA DECISION.**

Either spouse may ask for a fair hearing, to show the community spouse needs a higher CSA. The hearing officer must consider if, due to unusual conditions, using the computed CSA causes significant financial hardship for the community spouse. If the fair hearing decision finds the community spouse needs more income than the CSA, the CSA must include the additional income.

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**727. -- 730. (RESERVED).**

**731. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY OF MARRIED PERSONS.**

There are three (3) methods for Medicaid eligibility of an aged, blind, or disabled married person: The SSI method, the Community Property (CP) method, and the Federal Spousal Impoverishment (FSI) method. The FSI method takes precedence. If the participant is not subject to the FSI method, the CP or SSI methods can be used. (7-1-99)

**732. CHOOSING FSI, SSI, OR CP RESOURCE COUNTING METHOD.**

Table 732 is used determine the resource counting method for a married person. If an HCBS participant with a spouse at home is not eligible using the FSI method, resources are computed using the SSI/CP method.

| <b>TABLE 732 - CHOOSING FSI, SSI, OR CP RESOURCE COUNTING METHOD</b> |  |   |                                      |  |   |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|  | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME BEFORE<br>9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME<br>NO HCBS | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME<br>WITH HCBS<br>BEFORE 9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME WITH<br>HCBS ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME BEFORE<br>9/30/89               | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  | SSI/CP                               | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89          | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  | FSI                                  | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME<br>NO HCBS                                 | SSI/CP   | FSI   | SSI/CP                               | SSI/CP   | FSI   |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME<br>WITH HCBS<br>BEFORE 9/30/89             | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  | SSI/CP                               | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME WITH<br>HCBS ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89        | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  | FSI                                  | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  |

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**733. CHOOSING FSI, SSI, OR CP INCOME COUNTING METHOD.**

Table 733 is used determine the income counting method for a married person. If a participant subject to the FSI method is not eligible using FSI, income is computed using the SSI/CP method.

| <b>TABLE 733 - CHOOSING FSI, SSI, OR CP INCOME COUNTING METHOD</b> |  |   |                                      |  |   |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|  | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME BEFORE<br>9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME<br>NO HCBS | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME<br>WITH HCBS<br>BEFORE 9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME WITH<br>HCBS ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 |

|   |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME BEFORE<br>9/30/89        | SSI/CP | SSI/CP | FSI    | SSI/CP | SSI/CP |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89   | SSI/CP | SSI/CP | FSI    | SSI/CP | SSI/CP |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME<br>NO HCBS                          | FSI    | FSI    | SSI/CP | FSI    | FSI    |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME<br>WITH HCBS<br>BEFORE 9/30/89      | SSI/CP | SSI/CP | FSI    | SSI/CP | SSI/CP |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME WITH<br>HCBS ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 | SSI/CP | SSI/CP | FSI    | SSI/CP | SSI/CP |

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**734. CHOOSING FSI, SSI, OR CP PATIENT LIABILITY OR CLIENT PARTICIPATION METHOD.**

Table 734 is used determine the patient liability or client participation method for a married participant in long term care or receiving HCBS.

| <b>TABLE 734 - PATIENT LIABILITY OR CLIENT PARTICIPATION METHOD</b> |  |   |                                      |  |   |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|   | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME BEFORE<br>9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME<br>NO HCBS | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME<br>WITH HCBS<br>BEFORE 9/30/89 | SPOUSE ONE (1)<br>AT HOME WITH<br>HCBS ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME BEFORE<br>9/30/89              | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  | FSI                                  | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>IN NURSING<br>HOME ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89         | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  | FSI                                  | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME<br>NO HCBS                                | FSI  | FSI   | N/A                                  | FSI  | FSI   |
| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME<br>WITH HCBS<br>BEFORE 9/30/89            | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  | FSI                                  | SSI/CP   | SSI/CP  |

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| SPOUSE TWO (2)<br>AT HOME WITH<br>HCBS ON OR<br>AFTER 9/30/89 | SSI/CP | SSI/CP | FSI | SSI/CP | SSI/CP |
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(7-1-99)

**735. FEDERAL SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT (FSI) METHOD OF COUNTING INCOME AND RESOURCES OF A COUPLE.**

The FSI method must be used to compute income and resources of a married long-term care participant, with a community spouse. The participant must have entered long-term care on or after September 30, 1989. Terms used in the FSI method are listed in Subsections 735.01 through 735.05. (7-1-99)

01. Long-Term Care Spouse. The long-term care spouse must be in a medical institution or nursing facility, or be an HCBS participant, for thirty (30) consecutive days, or appear likely to meet the thirty (30) days requirement. (7-1-99)

02. Community Spouse. The community spouse is the husband or wife of the long-term care participant. A community spouse is not in long-term care and is not an HCBS participant. (7-1-99)

03. Continuous Period of Long-Term Care. A continuous period of long-term care is a period of residence either in a medical institution with nursing facility services, or at home with HCBS. A continuous period of long-term care is also a combination of institution and personal care services likely to last at least thirty (30) consecutive days. Absence from the institution, or a lapse in HCBS eligibility, of thirty (30) consecutive days breaks continuity. The thirty (30) consecutive days of long-term care must not begin on a day the participant is hospitalized. If the participant is hospitalized after the first day of the thirty (30) consecutive days, the hospital stay does not interrupt the thirty (30) consecutive days. (7-1-99)

04. Start of Continuous Period. The start of a continuous period of long-term care is the first month of long-term care or HCBS. (7-1-99)

05. Nursing Facility Services. Nursing facility services are services at the nursing facility level or the intermediate care for the mentally retarded level provided in a medical institution. (7-1-99)

**736. ASSESSMENT DATE AND COUNTING FSI RESOURCES.**

The assessment date is the start date of the first continuous period of long-term care, on or after September 30, 1989. The Department does a one-time assessment to determine the value of the couple's community and separate resources as of the date of the first continuous period of long-term care on or after September 30, 1989. The resource assessment is done at the request of either spouse, after one spouse is in long-term care or begins HCBS, whether or not the couple has applied for Medicaid. State laws relating to community property or the division of marital property are not applied in determining the FSI total combined resources of the couple. (7-1-99)

**737. RESOURCES EXCLUDED FROM ASSESSMENT.**

Resources excluded in determining AABD cash are excluded in determining the couple's total combined FSI resources except: There is no limit on the total value of household goods and personal effects and one (1) automobile is excluded regardless of its value. Any additional automobiles are countable resources in the amount of their equity value. Excess resources offered for sale, are not excluded from the couple's total combined resources for the FSI resource assessment. Jointly owned real property is not excluded, if the community spouse is the joint owner. (7-1-99)

**738. ONE-HALF SPOUSAL SHARE.**

The spousal share is one-half (1/2) of the couple's total combined resources on the assessment date. The spousal share does not change, even if the participant leaves long-term care and then enters long-term care again. The Department must inform the couple of the resources counted in the assessment and the value assigned. The couple must sign the assessment form under penalty of perjury. The signature requirement may be waived for the long-term care spouse if he or his representative says he is unable to sign the resources assessment. A copy of the assessment form must be

provided to each spouse when eligibility is determined or when either spouse requests a assessment prior to application. (7-1-99)

**739. -- 741. (RESERVED).**

**742. COMMUNITY SPOUSE RESOURCE ALLOWANCE.**

The CSRA protects resources for the community spouse. The CSRA is determined by subtracting the greater of the minimum resource allowance, or the spousal share from the couple's total combined resources as of the first day of the application month. The deduction must not be more than the maximum resource allowance. (7-1-99)

**743. RESOURCE ALLOWANCE LIMITS.**

The maximum resource allowance is computed by multiplying sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (all items; U.S. city average) between September 1988 and the September before the current calendar year. The minimum resource allowance is computed by multiplying twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (all items; U.S. city average) between September 1988 and the September before the current calendar year. If the result is not an even one hundred dollar (\$100) amount, round up to the next one hundred dollars (\$100). The couple's resources exceeding the CSRA are counted for the long-term care spouse. (7-1-99)

**744. CSRA REVISION.**

If the couple's income is more than the minimum CSA, the CSRA cannot be increased. If the community spouse has less income than the minimum CSA, the CSRA may be increased as provided in Section 745. Couple income is the community spouse's gross income plus the long-term care spouse's income. The long-term care spouse's income is his gross income less the AABD cash income exclusions and his patient liability income deductions, but not the CSA deduction. (7-1-99)

**745. UPWARD REVISION OF CSRA.**

If the community spouse's income, including income from his CSA and income-producing resources in his CSRA, is less than the minimum CSA, the CSRA may be increased. The CSRA is increased by enough resources, transferred from the long-term care spouse, to raise the community spouse's income to the minimum CSA. Resources included in the transfer are presumed to produce income of five percent (5%) yearly, whether or not the resources produce income, or produce five percent (5%). If the community spouse shows he is making reasonable use of his income and resources, to generate income, the Department may waive the five percent (5%) yearly income requirement. Actual income produced by the resources transferred to the community spouse is used to compute the CSA. If the transferred resources produce more than five percent (5%) yearly income, the actual income produced is used to determine the additional resources that can be transferred to the community spouse in the CSRA. The long-term care spouse must transfer the resources to the community spouse, or the CSRA is not revised. (7-1-99)

**746. RESOURCE TRANSFER ALLOWANCE (RTA).**

The resource transfer allowance (RTA) is computed by subtracting the community spouse's resources, at the time of application, from the CSRA. The community spouse must own less than the CSRA to get an RTA. The long term care spouse may transfer the RTA to the community spouse without an asset transfer penalty. If the institutional spouse transfers more than the RTA, the amount of the couple's resources over the CSRA counts as the institutional spouse's resources. After the month a long-term care spouse is determined Medicaid eligible under FSI, resources of the community spouse are not considered available to the him while he remains in long-term care. (7-1-99)

**747. PROTECTED PERIOD FOR RTA TRANSFER.**

The long-term care spouse has sixty (60) days, from the date his application is approved, to transfer his ownership of the RTA resources to the community spouse. The long-term care spouse must state, in writing, his intent to transfer the RTA resources to the community spouse, within the protected period, before he can be Medicaid eligible. Resources not transferred within the sixty (60) day protected period are available to the long-term care spouse, effective the day he entered the facility. (7-1-99)

**748. EXTENSION FOR RTA TRANSFER.**

The protected period can be extended beyond sixty (60) days if necessary because of the participant's circumstances. (7-1-99)

**749. RESOURCE ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY SPOUSE.**

When the community spouse is a Medicaid participant, the spouse's resources are counted using Medicaid rules. The FSI rules apply only to the long-term care spouse. For the month the couple stopped living together, resources of the community spouse available for his Medicaid eligibility are the resources owned by the couple. (7-1-99)

**750. INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY SPOUSE.**

When the community spouse is a Medicaid participant, the spouse's income is counted using Medicaid rules. The FSI rules apply only to the long-term care spouse. The community spouse may choose between the SSI and CP methods for determining income for Medicaid eligibility. (7-1-99)

**751. CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

The FSI method of calculating income and resources stops the first full calendar month after a change in circumstances resulting in a couple no longer having a community spouse and a long-term care spouse. (7-1-99)

**752. NOTICE AND HEARING.**

The Department must tell the participant the CSA, the family member allowance, the CSRA and how it was computed, and RTA. Any hearing requested about the CSRA or the RTA must be held within thirty (30) days of the date of the request for hearing. (7-1-99)

**753. -- 760. (RESERVED).**

**761. CHOICE OF SSI OR CP METHODS.**

A married participant, not using FSI, must be furnished a written explanation of SSI and CP income and resource counting methods. The couple chooses the most useful method, based on their circumstances. The same method must be used for both spouses. (7-1-99)

**762. SSI METHOD OF COUNTING INCOME AND RESOURCES OF A COUPLE.**

The SSI method is the same method used to count income and resources for AABD cash. Income and resources of the participant and spouse are counted as mutually available. This method must be used for months either spouse gets SSI or AABD cash, or an SSI and/or AABD application is filed and approved. This method must be used for Medicaid eligibility, and liability for the cost of long-term care, whether one (1) or both spouses apply for Medicaid. For long-term care, the couple's income and resources are mutually available when one (1) or both spouses apply during the month they separated, because one (1) or both left their mutual home to enter a long-term care facility. (7-1-99)

**763. COMMUNITY PROPERTY (CP) METHOD OF COUNTING INCOME AND RESOURCES OF A COUPLE.**

A married participant in long-term care, whose spouse is not in the community, can use the CP method. A married participant using the FSI method, but not income eligible using FSI, may choose the CP method for income eligibility. The CP method must not be used for the FSI participant's resource eligibility or patient liability. (7-1-99)

**764. CP METHOD.**

The CP method gives each spouse has an equal one-half share of the couple's community income and resources. Each spouse also has his or her own separate income and resources. Whether the spouses live together or, if not living together, the length of time they have lived apart, does not change the way income and resources are counted. A spouse's property includes income, personal property and real property. The income and resources of a married couple acquired during the marriage are presumed to be community property of the couple. The couple can give evidence to rebut the presumption that property acquired during the marriage is community property. (7-1-99)

**765. TRANSFER OF RIGHTS TO FUTURE INCOME NOT VALID.**

An agreement between spouses, transferring or assigning rights to future income from one (1) spouse to the other, is not valid for eligibility for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**766. CP METHOD NEED STANDARD.**

The participant is budgeted as a single person if his spouse is not a Medicaid applicant, is not living with him, or was not living with him on the first day of the month. The participant and spouse are budgeted as a couple if they both apply, and live together, or if they were living together on the first day of the month. (7-1-99)

**767. CP METHOD RESOURCE LIMIT.**

The participant's resource limit is two thousand dollars (\$2,000) if his spouse is not a Medicaid applicant, is not living with him, or was not living with him on the first day of the month. The participant and spouse have a resource limit of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) if they both apply, and live together, or if they were living together on the first day of the month. (7-1-99)

**768. CP METHOD INCOME DISREGARDS.**

The participant gets the twenty dollar (\$20) standard disregard if his spouse is not a Medicaid applicant, is not living with him, or was not living with him on the first day of the month. If the participant has earned income, he gets the sixty-five dollar plus one-half ( $\$65 + 1/2$ ) of the remainder earned income disregard. The participant and spouse get the standard disregard on their combined unearned income if they both apply, and live together, or if they were living together on the first day of the month. If either spouse has earned income, they get the earned income disregard from their combined earned income. (7-1-99)

**769. -- 775. (RESERVED).**

**776. 1972 RSDI RECIPIENT.**

A participant remains eligible if he meets any of the conditions in Subsections 776.01 through 776.03 and all other Medicaid eligibility requirements. (7-1-99)

01. Money Payment in August 1972. In August 1972, the participant was eligible for, or received, a state money payment of OAA, AB, APTD or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). (7-1-99)

02. Eligible If Not in Institution. The participant would have been eligible for OAA, AB, APTD or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) if he were not in a medical institution or intermediate care facility in August 1972. (7-1-99)

03. Getting RSDI in August 1972. The participant received RSDI benefits in August 1972, and became ineligible for a state money payment due to the RSDI benefit increase effective in September 1972. (7-1-99)

**777. ELIGIBLE SSI RECIPIENT.**

An SSI recipient, or an individual who would be SSI eligible if he applied, is eligible for Medicaid if he meets any of the conditions in Subsections 777.01 through 777.03. (7-1-99)

01. Receives SSI. Gets SSI payments, even if eligibility is based on presumptive disability or presumptive blindness. (7-1-99)

02. Conditionally Eligible. Is conditionally eligible for SSI, based on an agreement to dispose of excess resources. (7-1-99)

03. Eligible Spouse. Has his SSI payments combined with his spouse's SSI payments. (7-1-99)

**778. INELIGIBLE SSI RECIPIENT.**

An SSI recipient is not eligible for Medicaid if he meets any of the conditions in Subsections 778.01 through 778.04. (7-1-99)

01. Medicaid Qualifying Trust. Has excess income from a Medicaid Qualifying Trust, created and funded before August 11, 1993. (7-1-99)

02. Noncooperation. Fails to cooperate in establishing paternity or securing support. (7-1-99)

03. Institution. Is in an ineligible institution. (7-1-99)

04. Trust. Has a trust that makes him ineligible for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**779. PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY RESIDENT.**

A resident of a long-term care psychiatric medical facility, is eligible for Medicaid if he is age sixty-five (65) or older. He must meet all the requirements of a long-term-care resident. (7-1-99)

**780. GRANDFATHERED SSI RECIPIENT.**

A grandfathered SSI recipient is eligible for Medicaid. A grandfathered SSI recipient received, or was eligible to receive, APTD, APTD-MA, AB or AB-MA or APTD-MA in long-term care on December 31, 1973, or had an application for this assistance on file December 31, 1973. (7-1-99)

01. Disability and Blindness Criteria. The grandfathered SSI recipient must have been eligible under the disability criteria for APTD or the blindness criteria for AB in effect on December 31, 1973. For each consecutive month after December 1973, the grandfathered SSI recipient must continue to meet the criteria for disability or blindness. (7-1-99)

02. Eligibility Requirements. The grandfathered SSI recipient must meet all current Medicaid rules, except the criteria for blindness or disability. A long-term care participant must also remain in long-term care, and continue to need long-term care. (7-1-99)

**781. RSDI RECIPIENT ENTITLED TO COLA DISREGARD.**

A participant receiving RSDI is eligible for Medicaid if he became and remains ineligible for AABD cash or SSI payments after April, 1977. The participant must still be entitled to AABD cash or SSI, except for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in RSDI benefits. All RSDI COLAs received by the participant, and any person whose income and resources are counted in determining the participant's eligibility, are disregarded for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**782. PARTICIPANT ENTITLED TO SECTION 1619b SSI ELIGIBILITY STATUS.**

A participant is eligible for Medicaid as a blind or disabled SSI recipient, if SSA is evaluating him for, or has granted him, SSI eligibility status under Section 1619b of the Social Security Act, for as long as his 1619b status continues. (7-1-99)

**783. APPEAL OF SSA DECISION - APPLICANT DETERMINED SSI ELIGIBLE AFTER APPEAL.**

An applicant denied Medicaid, because he does not meet SSI eligibility or RSDI disability requirements, can appeal the SSA denial with SSA. He can get Medicaid, if found eligible for SSI or Social Security disability as a result of his appeal. The effective date for Medicaid is the first day of the month of the Medicaid application that was denied, because of the SSA denial. The participant's eligibility for backdated Medicaid coverage must be determined. (7-1-99)

**784. APPEAL OF SSA DECISION AND CONTINUED MEDICAID.**

A Medicaid participant, denied RSDI or SSI because he is not disabled, can continue to get Medicaid if he appeals the SSA decision. The appeal must be filed within sixty (60) days of the SSA decision. If the final administrative decision rules against the participant's appeal, Medicaid benefits must end. Medicaid benefits paid during the appeal are not an overpayment. (7-1-99)

**785. CERTAIN DISABLED CHILDREN.**

A disabled child, not eligible for Medicaid outside a medical institution, is eligible for Medicaid if he meets the conditions in Subsection 785.01 through 785.07. (7-1-99)

01. Age. Is under nineteen (19) years old. (7-1-99)
02. AABD Criteria. Meets the AABD blindness or disability criteria. (7-1-99)
03. AABD Resource Limit. Meets the AABD single person resource limit. (7-1-99)
04. Income Limit. Has monthly income not exceeding three (3) times the Federal SSI benefit payable monthly to a single person. (7-1-99)
05. Eligible for Long Term Care. Meets the medical conditions for long-term care in IDAPA 16.03.09, "Rules Governing Medical Assistance," Subsection 160.09. (7-1-99)

06. Appropriate Care. Is appropriately cared for outside a medical institution, under a physician's plan of care. (7-1-99)

07. Cost of Care. Can be cared for cost effectively at home. The estimated cost of caring for the child at home must not exceed the cost of the child's care in a hospital, nursing facility, or ICF-MR. (7-1-99)

**786. EXTENDED (POSTPARTUM) MEDICAID FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.**

A woman receiving Medicaid while pregnant continues to be eligible through the last day of the month in which the sixty (60) day post partum period ends. (7-1-99)

**787. PERSON ENTITLED TO HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS).**

An aged, blind or disabled person not eligible for SSI or AABD cash in his own home, because of income deeming or income limits, is eligible for Medicaid if he meets the conditions in Subsections 787.01 through 787.12. (7-1-99)

01. Age. Is at least eighteen (18) years old. (3-1-99)T

02. AABD Criteria. If under age sixty-five (65), meets the AABD blindness or disability criteria. (7-1-99)

03. AABD Resource Limit. Meets the AABD single person resource limit. (7-1-99)

04. HCBS Income Limit. For HCBS-NF, has income not exceeding nine hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$967). For HCBS-DD, has income not exceeding three (3) times the Federal SSI benefit payable monthly to a single person. The income limit for HCBS-NF is changing to an amount not exceeding three (3) times the Federal SSI benefit payable monthly to a single person. The new income limit will be phased in on the schedule listed in Table 787.04.

| <b>TABLE 787.04. - EFFECTIVE DATE OF HCBS-NF INCOME LIMIT</b>  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Counties</b>  | <b>Effective Date</b> |
| Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Power and Oneida.  | March 1, 1999         |
| Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton. | October 1, 1999       |
| Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone, Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis and Nez Perce.  | December 1, 1999      |
| Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Washington, Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley.  | February 1, 2000      |

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05. Eligible for Long Term Care. For HCBS-NF, meets the medical conditions for nursing facility care in accordance with IDAPA 16.03.09, "Rules Governing Medical Assistance," Subsection 160.09. For HCBS-DD, meets the medical conditions for ICF/MR care in accordance with IDAPA 16.03.09, "Rules Governing Medical Assistance," Section 143. (7-1-99)

06. Home Care. For HCBS-NF, can be maintained in his own home with Personal Care Services (PCS) furnished under the Department's HCBS waiver. For HCBS-DD, can be maintained in the community. (7-1-99)

07. Cost of Care. For HCBS-NF, can be cared for at home at a cost not to exceed the statewide average cost of care for the participant's level of care. The estimated cost of care in a nursing facility is the statewide average rate for the level of care the participant requires, charged by the type of facility where he would be placed if he were not living at home. For traumatic brain injury patients, the estimated cost of care is at the nursing facility special rate. (7-1-99)

08. Care Requirement. For HCBS-NF, must require and receive, or be likely to require and receive, HCBS waiver personal care services for thirty (30) consecutive days. For HCBS-DD, must require and receive, or be likely to require and receive, HCBS-DD waiver services for thirty (30) consecutive days. (7-1-99)

09. Effective Date. Medicaid is effective the first day of the thirty (30) day period the participant required and received HCBS-NF or HCBS-DD waiver services. (7-1-99)

10. Participant With Spouse. A married participant living at home with his spouse who is not and HCBS participant, can choose between the SSI, CP, and FSI methods. If his spouse is also an HCBS participant or lives in a nursing home, the couple can choose between the SSI and CP methods. (7-1-99)

11. Continued Services. The participant must continue to require and receive waiver services. The participant is ineligible when there is a lapse in need for or receipt of waiver services for thirty (30) days. (7-1-99)

12. Annual Limit. A participant who applies for HCBS Medicaid, after the annual limit on HCBS-NF or HCBS-DD waiver participants is reached, must be denied Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**788. -- 799. (RESERVED).**

**800. NEWBORN CHILD OF MEDICAID MOTHER.**

A child is eligible for Medicaid without an application if born to a woman receiving Medicaid on the date of the child's birth. The child must live with his mother. She must be eligible for Medicaid, or would be, if pregnant. The child remains eligible for Medicaid for up to one (1) year without an application. An application for Medicaid must be filed on behalf of the child no later than his first birthday. He must qualify for Medicaid in his own right after the month of his first birthday. (7-1-99)

**801. INELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITION.**

An ineligible legal or illegal non-citizen is eligible only for medical services necessary to treat an emergency medical condition. (7-1-99)

01. Emergency Medical Condition. An emergency medical condition can reasonably be expected to seriously harm the patient's health, cause serious impairment to bodily functions, or cause serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part, without immediate medical attention. The Division of Medicaid determines if the condition is an emergency and the services necessary to treat it. (7-1-99)

02. Effective Date of Eligibility. Medicaid eligibility begins no earlier than the date the participant experienced the medical emergency and ends the date the emergency condition stops. The Division of Medicaid determines the beginning and ending dates. (7-1-99)

**802. -- 805. (RESERVED).**

**806. DISABLED ADULT CHILD.**

A participant age eighteen (18) or older is eligible for Medicaid if he received SSI or AABD cash based on blindness or a disability which began before he reached age twenty-two (22), and becomes ineligible for and remains ineligible for AABD cash or SSI because his disabled child RSDI benefit started or increased July 1, 1987, or later. (7-1-99)

01. RSDI Benefits Disregarded for Disabled Adult Child. If the participant became ineligible because he began receiving an disabled child benefit on or after July 1, 1987, the benefit amount and any later increases are disregarded. (7-1-99)

02. RSDI Increase Disregarded for Disabled Adult Child. If the participant became ineligible because his disabled child benefit increased on or after July 1, 1987, the increase and any later increases are disregarded. (7-1-99)

**807. PARTICIPANT RECEIVING EARLY WIDOW'S OR WIDOWER'S SOCIAL SECURITY.**

A participant is eligible for Medicaid if he is entitled to an early widow's or widower's Social Security benefits that makes him ineligible for SSI or AABD cash. The participant must have been at least age sixty (60) but not yet age

sixty-five (65) when he became eligible for early widow's or widower's Social Security benefits. The participant must have received SSI or AABD cash before age sixty (60). The participant is considered an SSI recipient for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**808. EARLY WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1991.**

A participant who meets the conditions in Subsections 808.01 through 808.06 is considered an SSI recipient for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

01. Age. The participant, age fifty (50) to age sixty four and one-half (64-1/2), began receiving early widows or widowers Social Security benefits. (7-1-99)

02. Lost SSI or AABD. The participant lost SSI or AABD cash because he began receiving early widows or widowers Social Security benefits. (7-1-99)

03. Received SSI or AABD. The participant received SSI or AABD cash in the month, before the month, he became ineligible because he began receiving early widows or widowers Social Security benefits. (7-1-99)

04. Widows or Widowers Benefits. The participant would still be eligible for SSI or AABD cash if his Social Security early widows or widowers benefits were not counted as income. (7-1-99)

05. No "Part A" Insurance. The participant is not entitled to Medicare Part A hospital insurance. (7-1-99)

06. Applied On or After January 1, 1991. The participant's Medicaid application was filed, or pending, on or after January 1, 1991. (7-1-99)

**809. CERTAIN DISABLED WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS THROUGH JUNE 30, 1988.**

A participant who meets the conditions in Subsections 809.01 through 809.04 is considered an SSI recipient for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

01. Age. The participant was age sixty (60) or older when his disabled widows and widowers benefits began. (7-1-99)

02. Lost SSI. The participant is ineligible for SSI because of an increase in SSA disability benefits starting January, 1984. (7-1-99)

03. Continuously Entitled. The participant is continuously entitled to Social Security benefits for disabled widows and widowers starting January, 1984 or earlier. (7-1-99)

04. Applied Before July 1, 1988. The participant applied for Medicaid before July 1, 1988. (7-1-99)

**810. QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB).**

A person meeting all requirements in Subsections 672.01 through 672.06 is eligible for QMB. QMB Medicaid pays Medicare premiums, coinsurance, and deductibles. (7-1-99)

01. Medicare Part A. The participant must be entitled to hospital insurance under Part A of Medicare at the time of his application. (7-1-99)

02. Nonfinancial Requirements. The participant must meet the Medicaid residence, citizenship, support cooperation, and SSN requirements. (7-1-99)

03. Income. Monthly income must not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the official poverty line defined by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The single person income limit is the poverty line for a family of one (1) person. The couple income limit is the poverty line for a family of two (2) persons. The annual Social Security cost of living increase is disregarded from income, until the month after the month the annual Federal poverty line revision is published. AABD cash is not counted as income. (7-1-99)

04. Dependent Income. Income of the dependent child, parent, or sibling is not counted. (7-1-99)

05. QMB Dependent Family Member Disregard. A dependent family member is a minor child, adult child meeting SSA disability criteria, parent or sibling of the participant or spouse living with the participant. The family member is or could be claimed on the Federal tax return of the participant or spouse. A participant with a dependent family member has an income disregard based on family size. The spouse is included in family size, whether or not the spouse is also participant. The disregard is based on the official poverty line income as defined by the OMB. The disregard is the difference between the poverty line for one (1) person, or two (2) persons if the participant has a spouse, and the poverty line for the family size including the participant, spouse, and dependent. (7-1-99)

06. Resource Limit. The resource limit for a single participant is four thousand dollars (\$4,000). The resource limit for a couple is six thousand dollars (\$6,000). (7-1-99)

07. Effective Dates. The effective date of QMB coverage is no earlier than the first day of the month after the approval month. A QMB participant is not entitled to backdated Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**811. SPECIFIED LOW INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB).**

A person meeting all requirements in Subsections 811.01 through 811.07 is eligible for SLMB. Medicaid pays all or part of the Medicare Part B premiums for a SLMB, depending on the participant's SLMB group. (7-1-99)

01. Other Medicaid. The SLMB I may be eligible for other Medicaid. The SLMB II and SLMB III cannot be eligible for any other type of Medicaid. (7-1-99)

02. Medicare Part A. The SLMB must be entitled to hospital insurance under Part A of Medicare at the time of his application. (7-1-99)

03. Nonfinancial Requirements. The SLMB must meet the Medicaid eligibility requirements of residence, citizenship, support cooperation, and SSN. (7-1-99)

04. Income. The annual Social Security cost of living increase is disregarded from income, until the month after the month the annual Federal poverty line revision is published. The monthly income limit depends on the SLMB group. The single person limit is based on a family of one (1). The couple limit is based on a family of two (2). The monthly income limit for SLMB Group I is up to one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the Federal poverty line. Monthly income for SLMB Group II is at least one hundred and twenty percent (120%) and not more than one hundred thirty five percent (135%) of the Federal poverty line. The monthly income limit for SLMB Group III is at least one hundred thirty five percent (135%) and not more than one hundred seventy five percent (175%) of the Federal poverty line. (7-1-99)

05. Resource Limit. The resource limit for a single person is four thousand dollars (\$4,000). The resource limit for a couple is six thousand dollars (\$6,000). (7-1-99)

06. Coverage Limits. Medicaid pays the Medicare Part B premium for SLMB Group I. There is no annual limit on participants served. Medicaid pays the Medicare Part B premium for SLMB Group II. There is an annual limit on participants served, based on availability of Federal funds. New applications are denied when the annual limit is reached. Medicaid pays part of the Medicare Part B premium for SLMB Group III. The Medicaid payment is the increase in the Part B premium described in Section 4732 of Public Law 105-33. New applications are denied when the annual limit is reached. (7-1-99)

07. Effective Dates. SLMB coverage begins on the first day of the application month. SLMB coverage may be backdated up to three (3) calendar months before the application month. (7-1-99)

**812. QUALIFIED DISABLED AND WORKING INDIVIDUAL (QDWI).**

A person meeting all requirements in Subsections 812.01 through 812.05 is eligible for QDWI. A QDWI is eligible only for Medicaid payment of his Medicare Part A premium. (7-1-99)

01. Age and Disability. The participant must be a disabled worker under age sixty-five (65). (7-1-99)
02. Nonfinancial Requirements. The participant must meet the Medicaid eligibility requirements of residence, citizenship, support cooperation and SSN. (7-1-99)
03. Section 1818A Medicare. SSA determined the participant meets the conditions of Section 1818A of the Social Security Act. (7-1-99)
04. Income. Monthly income must not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the one (1) person official poverty line defined by the OMB. (7-1-99)
05. Resources. The resource limit is four thousand dollars (\$4,000). (7-1-99)

**813. SPONSORED LEGAL NON-CITIZEN.**

All income and resources of a legal non-citizen's sponsor are deemed for Medicaid eligibility if the sponsor has signed an I-864 affidavit of support. (7-1-99)

**814. CHILD SUBJECT TO DEEMING.**

Income and resources of a child's stepparent are not deemed to the child in determining his Medicaid eligibility. (7-1-99)

**815. FUGITIVE FELON OR PROBATION OR PAROLE VIOLATOR.**

A person denied SSI or AABD cash because of the prohibition against payment to fugitive felons and probation and parole violators is not disqualified from Medicaid. (7-1-99)

**816. -- 830. (RESERVED).**

**831. ASSET TRANSFER FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE.**

Starting August 11, 1993, the participant is subject to a penalty if he or his spouse transfers either spouse's income or resources for less than fair market value. Transfer includes reducing or eliminating the participant's ownership or control of the asset. The asset transfer penalty applies to Medicaid services received October 1, 1993 and later. Excluded resources, other than the home and associated property, are not subject to the asset transfer penalty. The asset transfer penalty applies to a Medicaid participant in long-term care or HCBS. A participant in long-term care is a patient in a nursing facility or a patient in a medical institution, requiring and receiving the level of care provided in a nursing facility. (7-1-99)

**832. MEDICAID PENALTY FOR ASSET TRANSFERS.**

The asset transfer penalty is restricted Medicaid coverage. (7-1-99)

01. Restricted Coverage. Restricted coverage means Medicaid will not participate in the cost of nursing facility services. Medicaid will not participate in a level of care in a medical institution equal to nursing facility services. The penalty for a person receiving PCS or community services under the HCBS waiver is ineligibility. (7-1-99)

02. Notice and Exemption. The participant must be notified, in writing, at least ten (10) days before an asset transfer penalty is imposed. (7-1-99)

**833. ASSET TRANSFER LOOK-BACK.**

The asset transfer penalty applies to transfers in a thirty-six (36) month look-back period. The look-back period is sixty (60) months for transfers to or from a trust. (7-1-99)

01. Look-Back for a Person Entitled to Medicaid. The look-back period begins the month long-term care or HCBS starts for a person entitled to Medicaid. A person "entitled to Medicaid" is receiving or applying for Medicaid when long-term care or HCBS starts. The person would be eligible for the month of application or any of the three (3) calendar months before it, if not for the asset transfer penalty. (7-1-99)

02. Look-Back for a Person Not Entitled to Medicaid. The look-back period begins the month before

the application month for a person not entitled to Medicaid when long-term care starts. (7-1-99)

**834. PERIOD OF RESTRICTED COVERAGE FOR ASSET TRANSFERS.**

The period of restricted coverage is the number of months computed by dividing the unpaid asset value by the statewide average cost of nursing facility services to a private patient of nursing facility services or HCBS. The cost is computed for the time of the participant's most recent request for Medicaid. If the spouse becomes eligible for long-term care Medicaid, the rest of the period of restricted coverage is divided between the participant and spouse. (7-1-99)

**835. CALCULATING THE PENALTY PERIOD.**

If the amount transferred is less than the cost of one (1) month's care, there is no penalty. The penalty period begins running the month the transfer took place. The month the transfer took place is counted as one (1) of the penalty months. Restricted coverage continues until the participant or spouse gets all the assets back, gets adequate consideration for all of the assets, or the period of restricted coverage ends. The penalty continues whether or not the participant is in long-term care. (7-1-99)

01. Single Penalty Period. A period of restricted coverage ends the last day of the last full month of the penalty period. A partial month at the end of a single penalty period is dropped. (7-1-99)

02. Consecutive Penalty Periods. Each partial month before the end of consecutive penalty periods is a penalty month. A partial month at the end of consecutive penalty periods is dropped. (7-1-99)

**836. MULTIPLE PENALTY PERIODS APPLIED CONSECUTIVELY.**

A penalty period is computed for each transfer. One penalty period must expire before the next begins. (7-1-99)

**837. LIFE ESTATES AND ANNUITIES AS ASSET TRANSFERS.**

Conditions for determining if a life estate or an annuity are an asset transfer for less than fair market value are listed in Subsections 837.01 through 837.05. (7-1-99)

01. Life Estate. A life estate worth less than the value of the transferred real property is subject to the asset transfer penalty. To compute the value of the life estate, multiply the fair market value of the real property at the time of transfer by the remainder factor for the participant's age at the time of transfer. The remainder factor for the participant's age is listed in Table 837.01.

| TABLE 837.01 - LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER TABLE |                       |     |                       |     |                       |     |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| AGE  | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER | AGE | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER | AGE | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER | AGE | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER |
| 0  | .02812                | 1   | .01012                | 2   | .00983                | 3   | .00922                |
| 4  | .01019                | 5   | .01062                | 6   | .01116                | 7   | .01178                |
| 8  | .01252                | 9   | .01337                | 10  | .01435                | 11  | .01547                |
| 12   | .01671                | 13  | .01802                | 14  | .01934                | 15  | .02063                |
| 16   | .02185                | 17  | .02300                | 18  | .02410                | 19  | .02520                |
| 20   | .02635                | 21  | .02755                | 22  | .02880                | 23  | .03014                |
| 24   | .03159                | 25  | .03322                | 26  | .03505                | 27  | .03710                |
| 28   | .03938                | 29  | .04187                | 30  | .04457                | 31  | .04746                |
| 32   | .05.058               | 33  | .05.392               | 34  | .05.750               | 35  | .06132                |
| 36   | .06540                | 37  | .06974                | 38  | .07433                | 39  | .07917                |
| 40   | .08429                | 41  | .08970                | 42  | .09543                | 43  | .10145                |

| TABLE 837.01 - LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER TABLE |                       |     |                       |     |                       |     |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| AGE  | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER | AGE | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER | AGE | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER | AGE | LIFE ESTATE REMAINDER |
| 44   | .10779                | 45  | .11442                | 46  | .12137                | 47  | .12863                |
| 48   | .13626                | 49  | .14422                | 50  | .15257                | 51  | .16126                |
| 52   | .17031                | 53  | .17972                | 54  | .18946                | 55  | .19954                |
| 56   | .20994                | 57  | .22069                | 58  | .23178                | 59  | .24325                |
| 60   | .25509                | 61  | .26733                | 62  | .27998                | 63  | .29304                |
| 64   | .30648                | 65  | .32030                | 66  | .33449                | 67  | .34902                |
| 68   | .36390                | 69  | .37914                | 70  | .39478                | 71  | .41086                |
| 72   | .42739                | 73  | .44429                | 74  | .46138                | 75  | .47851                |
| 76   | .49559                | 77  | .51258                | 78  | .52951                | 79  | .54643                |
| 80   | .56341                | 81  | .58033                | 82  | .59705                | 83  | .61358                |
| 84   | .63002                | 85  | .64641                | 86  | .66236                | 87  | .67738                |
| 88   | .69141                | 89  | .70474                | 90  | .71779                | 91  | .73045                |
| 92   | .74229                | 93  | .75308                | 94  | .76272                | 95  | .77113                |
| 96   | .77819                | 97  | .78450                | 98  | .79000                | 99  | .79514                |
| 100  | .80025                | 101 | .80468                | 102 | .80946                | 103 | .81563                |
| 104  | .82144                | 105 | .83038                | 106 | .84512                | 107 | .86591                |
| 108  | .89932                | 109 | .95455                |     |                       |     |                       |

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02. Irrevocable Annuity. An irrevocable annuity is an asset transfer if it does not provide fair market value. To provide fair market value, an irrevocable annuity must meet life expectancy and annual interest tests listed in Subsections 837.03 and 837.04. The value for calculating the asset transfer penalty is the difference between the actual rate produced by the annuity and five percent (5%) per year. The sixty (60) month look-back applies.

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03. Irrevocable Annuity Life Expectancy Test. The participant's life expectancy must equal or exceed the term of the annuity. Using Table 837.03 compare the face value of the annuity to the participant's life expectancy at the purchase time. The annuity meets the life expectancy test if the participant's life expectancy equals or exceeds the term of the annuity.

| TABLE 837.03 - LIFE EXPECTANCY TABLE - FEMALES |                 |     |                 |     |                 |     |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| AGE  | LIFE EXPECTANCY | AGE | LIFE EXPECTANCY | AGE | LIFE EXPECTANCY | AGE | LIFE EXPECTANCY |
| 0  | 78.79           | 1   | 78.42           | 2   | 77.48           | 3   | 76.51           |
| 4  | 75.54           | 5   | 74.56           | 6   | 73.57           | 7   | 72.59           |
| 8  | 71.60           | 9   | 70.61           | 10  | 69.82           | 11  | 68.63           |

**TABLE 837.03 - LIFE EXPECTANCY TABLE - FEMALES**

| AGE | LIFE EXPECTANCY |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| 12  | 67.64           | 13  | 66.65           | 14  | 65.67           | 15  | 64.68           |
| 16  | 63.71           | 17  | 62.74           | 18  | 61.77           | 19  | 60.80           |
| 20  | 59.63           | 21  | 58.86           | 22  | 57.59           | 23  | 56.92           |
| 24  | 55.95           | 25  | 54.98           | 26  | 54.02           | 27  | 53.05           |
| 28  | 52.08           | 29  | 51.12           | 30  | 50.15           | 31  | 49.19           |
| 32  | 48.23           | 33  | 47.27           | 34  | 46.31           | 35  | 45.35           |
| 36  | 44.40           | 37  | 43.45           | 38  | 42.50           | 39  | 41.55           |
| 40  | 40.61           | 41  | 39.66           | 42  | 38.72           | 43  | 37.78           |
| 44  | 36.85           | 45  | 35.92           | 46  | 35.00           | 47  | 34.08           |
| 48  | 33.17           | 49  | 32.27           | 50  | 31.37           | 51  | 30.48           |
| 52  | 29.60           | 53  | 28.72           | 54  | 27.86           | 55  | 27.00           |
| 56  | 26.15           | 57  | 25.31           | 58  | 24.48           | 59  | 23.67           |
| 60  | 22.86           | 61  | 22.06           | 62  | 21.27           | 63  | 20.49           |
| 64  | 19.72           | 65  | 18.96           | 66  | 18.21           | 67  | 17.48           |
| 68  | 16.76           | 69  | 16.04           | 70  | 15.35           | 71  | 14.66           |
| 72  | 13.99           | 73  | 13.33           | 74  | 12.68           | 75  | 12.05           |
| 76  | 11.43           | 77  | 10.83           | 78  | 10.24           | 79  | 9.67            |
| 80  | 9.11            | 81  | 8.58            | 82  | 8.06            | 83  | 7.56            |
| 84  | 7.08            | 85  | 6.63            | 86  | 6.20            | 87  | 5.79            |
| 88  | 5.41            | 89  | 5.05            | 90  | 4.71            | 91  | 4.40            |
| 92  | 4.11            | 93  | 3.84            | 94  | 3.59            | 95  | 3.36            |
| 96  | 3.16            | 97  | 2.97            | 98  | 2.80            | 99  | 2.64            |
| 100 | 2.48            | 101 | 2.34            | 102 | 2.20            | 103 | 2.06            |
| 104 | 1.93            | 105 | 1.81            | 106 | 1.69            | 107 | 1.58            |
| 108 | 1.48            | 109 | 1.38            | 110 | 1.28            | 111 | 1.19            |
| 112 | 1.10            | 113 | 1.02            | 114 | 0.96            | 115 | 0.89            |
| 116 | 0.83            | 117 | 0.77            | 118 | 0.71            | 119 | 0.66            |

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**TABLE 837.03 - LIFE EXPECTANCY TABLE - MALES**

| AGE | LIFE EXPECTANCY |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| 0   | 71.80           | 1   | 71.53           | 2   | 70.58           | 3   | 69.62           |
| 4   | 68.65           | 5   | 67.67           | 6   | 66.69           | 7   | 65.71           |
| 8   | 64.73           | 9   | 63.74           | 10  | 62.75           | 11  | 61.76           |
| 12  | 60.78           | 13  | 59.79           | 14  | 58.62           | 15  | 57.85           |
| 16  | 56.91           | 17  | 55.97           | 18  | 55.05           | 19  | 54.13           |
| 20  | 53.21           | 21  | 52.29           | 22  | 51.38           | 23  | 50.46           |
| 24  | 49.55           | 25  | 48.63           | 26  | 47.72           | 27  | 46.80           |
| 28  | 45.88           | 29  | 44.97           | 30  | 44.06           | 31  | 43.15           |
| 32  | 42.24           | 33  | 41.33           | 34  | 40.23           | 35  | 39.52           |
| 36  | 38.62           | 37  | 37.63           | 38  | 36.83           | 39  | 35.94           |
| 40  | 35.05           | 41  | 34.15           | 42  | 33.26           | 43  | 32.37           |
| 44  | 31.49           | 45  | 30.61           | 46  | 29.74           | 47  | 28.88           |
| 48  | 28.02           | 49  | 27.17           | 50  | 26.32           | 51  | 25.48           |
| 52  | 24.65           | 53  | 23.82           | 54  | 23.01           | 55  | 22.41           |
| 56  | 21.43           | 57  | 20.66           | 58  | 19.90           | 59  | 19.15           |
| 60  | 18.42           | 61  | 17.70           | 62  | 16.99           | 63  | 16.30           |
| 64  | 15.62           | 65  | 14.96           | 66  | 14.32           | 67  | 13.70           |
| 68  | 13.09           | 69  | 12.50           | 70  | 11.92           | 71  | 11.35           |
| 72  | 10.80           | 73  | 10.27           | 74  | 9.27            | 75  | 9.24            |
| 76  | 8.76            | 77  | 8.29            | 78  | 7.83            | 79  | 7.40            |
| 80  | 6.98            | 81  | 6.59            | 82  | 6.21            | 83  | 5.85            |
| 84  | 5.51            | 85  | 5.19            | 86  | 4.89            | 87  | 4.61            |
| 88  | 4.34            | 89  | 4.09            | 90  | 3.86            | 91  | 3.64            |
| 92  | 3.43            | 93  | 3.24            | 94  | 3.06            | 95  | 2.90            |
| 96  | 2.74            | 97  | 2.60            | 98  | 2.47            | 99  | 2.34            |
| 100 | 2.22            | 101 | 2.11            | 102 | 1.99            | 103 | 1.89            |
| 104 | 1.78            | 105 | 1.68            | 106 | 1.59            | 107 | 1.50            |
| 108 | 1.41            | 109 | 1.33            | 110 | 1.25            | 111 | 1.17            |
| 112 | 1.10            | 113 | 1.02            | 114 | 0.96            | 115 | 0.89            |
| 116 | 0.83            | 117 | 0.77            | 118 | 0.71            | 119 | 0.66            |

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04. Irrevocable Annuity Annual Interest Test. The annuity must produce annual interest of at least five percent (5%). A variable rate annuity meets the interest rate test if the average yearly rate for the most recent five (5) year period is five percent (5%) or more. The participant can rebut the five percent (5%) interest test. He must show single premium annuities are not offered by insurers now, or when the annuity was purchased. Insurers must be rated excellent or superior by an insurance rating firm such as A.M. Best Co. (3-1-99)T

05. Revocable Annuity. The surrender amount of a revocable annuity is a resource. Early surrender of a revocable annuity is not an asset transfer for less than fair market value. (7-1-99)

**838. TRUSTS AS ASSET TRANSFERS.**

A trust established wholly or partly from the participant's assets is an asset transfer. Assets transferred to a trust on or after August 11, 1993 are subject to the asset transfer penalty, regardless of when the trust was established. If the trust includes assets of another person, the asset transfer penalty applies to the participant's share of the trust. (7-1-99)

**839. TRANSFER OF JOINTLY-OWNED ASSET.**

Transfer of an asset owned jointly by the participant and another person is considered a transfer by the participant. The participant's share of the asset is used to compute the penalty. If the participant and his spouse are joint owners of the transferred asset, the couple's combined ownership is used to compute the penalty. If the spouse becomes eligible for long-term care Medicaid, the rest of the period of restricted coverage is divided between the participant and spouse. (7-1-99)

**840. PENALTY EXCEPTIONS FOR ASSET TRANSFERS.**

A participant or spouse who meets a condition in Subsections 840.01 through 840.15 is not subject to the asset transfer penalty. (7-1-99)

01. Home to Spouse. The asset transferred was a home. Title to the home was transferred to the spouse. (7-1-99)

02. Home to Minor Child or Disabled Adult Child. The asset transferred was a home. Title to the home was transferred to the child of the participant or spouse. The child must be under age twenty-one (21) or blind or totally disabled under Social Security and SSI rules in 20 CFR Part 416. (7-1-99)

03. Home to Brother or Sister. The asset transferred was a home. Title to the home was transferred to a brother or sister of the participant or spouse. The brother or sister must have an equity interest in the transferred home. The brother or sister must reside in that home for at least one (1) year immediately before the month the participant starts long-term care. (7-1-99)

04. Home to Adult Child. The asset transferred was a home. Title to the home was transferred to a son or daughter of the participant or spouse, other than a child under the age of twenty-one (21). The son or daughter must reside in that home for at least two (2) years immediately before the month the participant started long-term care. The son or daughter must have provided care to the participant which permitted him to live at home rather than enter long-term care. (7-1-99)

05. Benefit of Spouse. The assets were transferred to the participant's spouse or to another person for the sole benefit of the spouse. (7-1-99)

06. Transfer from Spouse. The assets were transferred from the participant's spouse to another person for the sole benefit of the participant's spouse. (7-1-99)

07. Transfer to Child. The assets were transferred to the participant's child, or to a trust established solely for the benefit of the participant's child. The child must be blind or totally disabled under Social Security and SSI rules in 20 CFR Part 416. The child may be any age. (7-1-99)

08. Transfer to Trust for Person Under Sixty-Five (65). The assets were transferred to a trust for the sole benefit of a person under age sixty-five (65). "Sole benefit" means any remainder in the trust after the person's death must go to his estate, not to another person. The person must be blind or totally disabled under Social Security

and SSI rules in 20 CFR Part 416. (7-1-99)

09. Intent to Get Fair Market Value. The participant or spouse proves he intended to dispose of the assets at fair market value or for other adequate consideration. (7-1-99)

10. Assets Returned. All assets transferred for less than fair market value have been returned to the participant. (7-1-99)

11. No Medicaid Purpose. The participant or spouse proves the assets were transferred exclusively for a purpose other than to qualify for Medicaid. (7-1-99)

12. Undue Hardship. Denying eligibility would cause an undue hardship. Undue hardship exists if any of the conditions in Subsections 840.12.a. through 840.12.c. apply. (3-1-99)T

a. The participant proves he is not able to pay for his nursing facility services or his HCBS services any other way. He assigns his rights to recover the asset to the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

b. The participant proves he did not knowingly transfer the asset. He assigns his rights to recover the asset to the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

c. The HCBS participant proves he would be deprived of food, clothing or shelter if all income transferred to the trust is used only for HCBS costs. He assigns his rights to recover the asset to the state of Idaho. If the participant proves undue hardship, the income paid to meet his needs for food, clothing or shelter is exempt from the asset transfer penalty. It does not invalidate the trust. It is not income for eligibility. (7-1-99)

13. Exception to Fair Market Value. The amount received is adequate, even if not fair market value. This exception must meet one (1) of the conditions in Subsections 690.13.a. through 690.13.c. (7-1-99)

a. A forced sale was done under reasonable circumstances. (7-1-99)

b. Little or no market demand exists for the type of asset transferred. (7-1-99)

c. The asset was transferred to settle a legal debt approximately equal to the fair market value of the transferred asset. (7-1-99)

14. No Benefit to Participant. The participant received no benefit from the asset. This exception must meet one (1) of the conditions in Subsections 690.14.a. through 690.14.b. (7-1-99)

a. The participant or spouse held title to the property only as a trustee for another person. The participant or spouse had no beneficial interest in the property. (7-1-99)

b. The transfer was done to clear title to property. The participant or spouse had no beneficial interest in the property. (7-1-99)

15. Fraud Victim. The asset was transferred because the participant or spouse was the victim of fraud, misrepresentation, or coercion. The participant or spouse must take all possible steps to recover the assets or property, or its equivalent in damages. The participant must assign recovery rights to the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

**841. -- 870. (RESERVED).**

**871. TREATMENT OF TRUSTS.**

These trust treatment rules apply to all Medicaid participants. These rules apply to trusts established with the participant's assets on August 11, 1993 or later, and to trusts funded August 11, 1993 or later. This Section does not apply to an irrevocable trust if the participant meets the undue hardship exemption in Subsection 840.12. Assets transferred to a trust are subject to the asset transfer penalty. Section 871 does not apply to a trust established by a will. (7-1-99)

01. Revocable Trust. Revocable trusts are treated as listed in Subsections 871.01.a. through 871.01.d. A revocable burial trust is not a trust for the purposes of Subsection 871.01. (7-1-99)

a. The body (corpus) of a revocable trust is a resource. (7-1-99)

b. Payments from the trust to or for the participant are income. (7-1-99)

c. Any other payments from the trust are an asset transfer, triggering an asset transfer penalty period. (7-1-99)

d. The home and adjoining property loses its exclusion when transferred to a revocable trust, unless the participant or spouse is the sole beneficiary of the trust. The home is excluded again if removed from the trust. The exclusion restarts the next month. (7-1-99)

02. Irrevocable Trust. Irrevocable trusts are treated as listed in Subsections 871.02.a. through 871.02.g. (7-1-99)

a. The part of the body of an irrevocable trust, from which corpus or income payments could be made to or for the participant, is a resource. (7-1-99)

b. Payments made to or for the participant are income. (7-1-99)

c. Payments from the trust for any other reason are asset transfers, triggering the asset transfer penalty. (7-1-99)

d. Any part of the trust from which payment cannot be made to, or for the benefit of, the participant under any circumstances, is an asset transfer. (7-1-99)

e. The effective date of the transfer is the date the trust was established, or the date payments to the participant were foreclosed. (7-1-99)

f. The value of the trust, for calculating the transfer penalty, includes any payments made from that portion of the trust after the date the trust was established or payments were foreclosed. (7-1-99)

g. An irrevocable burial trust is not subject to treatment under Subsection 871.02, unless funds in the trust can be paid for a purpose other than the participant's funeral and related expenses. The trust can provide that funds not needed for the participant's funeral expenses are available to reimburse Medicaid, or to go to the participant's estate. (7-1-99)

**872. EXEMPT TRUSTS.**

A trust, created or funded on or after August 11, 1993, is exempt from trust treatment and not subject to the asset transfer penalty if it meets a condition in Subsections 872.01 through 872.03. (7-1-99)

01. Trust for Disabled Person. To be exempt, a trust for a disabled person must meet all the conditions in Subsections 872.01.a. through 872.01.f. (7-1-99)

a. The trust contains the assets of a person under age sixty-five (65). (7-1-99)

b. The person is blind or totally disabled under the Social Security and SSI rules in 20 CFR Part 416. (7-1-99)

c. The trust is established for the person's benefit by his parent, grandparent, legal guardian or a court. (7-1-99)

d. The trust is irrevocable. (7-1-99)

e. The trust is exempt until the person reaches age sixty-five (65) if the trust is not added to or augmented. After the person reaches age sixty-five (65), additions or augmentations are not exempt from trust treatment. (7-1-99)

f. Upon the person's death, the amount not distributed by the trust must be paid for Medicaid paid in the person's behalf by the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

02. Income Trust. To be exempt, an income trust must meet all the conditions in Subsections 702.02.a. through 702.01.g. (7-1-99)

a. The trust is established for the benefit of a person eligible for Medicaid in long-term care, or eligible for HCBS except for excess income. (7-1-99)

b. All the money in the trust comes from the person's pensions, Social Security and other income, including income earned by the trust. Money paid into the trust is not income for Medicaid eligibility the month received. Money paid into the trust is income for patient liability or client participation. (7-1-99)

c. The trust is irrevocable. The trust document may include a clause allowing the trust to be revoked if the participant leaves the nursing facility or HCBS for a reason other than death, and is no longer eligible for Medicaid because of excess income. (7-1-99)

d. The trust only provides payments for patient liability or client participation, unless the payment meets the undue hardship penalty exception. (7-1-99)

e. Income transferred to the trust and not used to compute patient liability or client participation, is subject to the asset transfer penalty, unless the payment meets the undue hardship penalty exception. (7-1-99)

f. The trust may be dissolved without penalty when the participant is no longer a long-term care or HCBS Medicaid participant for a reason other than death. (7-1-99)

g. Upon the person's death, the amount not distributed by the trust must be paid for Medicaid paid in the person's behalf by the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

03. Trust Managed by Non-profit Association for Disabled Person. To be exempt, a trust managed by non-profit association for a disabled person must meet all the conditions in Subsections 872.03.a. through 872.03.e. (7-1-99)

a. The trust is established and managed by a nonprofit association. The nonprofit association must not be the participant, his parent or his grandparent. (7-1-99)

b. The trust contains the assets of a disabled person. The person must be blind or totally disabled under Social Security and SSI rules in 20 CFR Part 416. (7-1-99)

c. Accounts in the trust are established only for the benefit of disabled persons. An account can be established by the disabled person, his parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or a court. The trust can pool accounts for investment and management purposes. A separate account in the pool must be maintained for the participant. (7-1-99)

d. The trust is irrevocable. (7-1-99)

e. Upon the person's death, the amount not distributed by the trust must be paid for Medicaid paid in the person's behalf by the state of Idaho. (7-1-99)

**873. PAYMENTS FROM AN EXEMPT TRUST FOR DISABLED PERSON OR POOLED TRUST.**

Cash payments from an exempt trust for a disabled person or a pooled trust must be treated as described in Subsections 873.01 through 873.04. (7-1-99)

01. Payments from Exempt Trust. Cash payments from an exempt trust for a disabled person are income in the month received. (7-1-99)

02. Payments from Pooled Trust. Cash payments from a pooled trust made directly to the participant are income in the month received. (7-1-99)

03. Payments for Food, Clothing or Shelter. Payments for the participant's food, clothing or shelter are income in the month paid. The payments for food, clothing or shelter are valued at one-third (1/3) of the AABD budgeted needs for the participant's living arrangement. (7-1-99)

04. Payments Not Made to Participant. Payments from the exempt trust not made to, or on behalf of, the participant are an asset transfer. (7-1-99)

**874. -- 914. (RESERVED).**

**915. MEDICAID REDETERMINATION.**

Medicaid eligibility is redetermined each year. The redetermination for AABD cash is the Medicaid redetermination for participants receiving both programs. (7-1-99)

**916. -- 995. (RESERVED).**

**996. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

Information received by the Department, from participants, is subject to the provisions of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16.05.01, "Rules Governing the Protection and Disclosure of Department Records". (7-1-99)

**997. -- 999. (RESERVED).**