

I-1500 NEED — INCOME**I-1510 GENERAL INFORMATION**

Count gross income in the month in which it is received, unless otherwise stated in [I-1534 Types of Income \(SSI -Related\)](#) and/or [I-1553 MAGI-Related Types of Income](#).

Exceptions:

A regular periodic payment received in a month other than the month of normal receipt will be counted in the normal month of receipt unless there is an intent to interrupt the regular payment schedule. Such funds are considered resources in the month following the month of normal receipt.

Most common examples:

- Advanced Dated Checks because the regular payment date falls on a weekend or holiday
- An Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) direct deposits that are posted before or after the date payable.

All reported income shall be considered in accordance with policies established in this manual.

Do not count as income the cash received from the sale of an allowable resource, as the resource is being converted from one form to another. The cash received is a countable resource.

Receipt of income is reported or discovered by:

- The applicant/beneficiary is the primary source of information and is responsible for accurate and complete reporting of the situation. Inconsistent or incomplete information from the applicant/beneficiary (regarding income, and/or expenses,) can indicate the need for documentation, and
- Electronic services. **

Refer to [S-0000 Verification and Documentation](#) for further information on how the self-attested information is used with electronic services in determining eligibility.

I-1510.1 Income Standards

Income standards are used to determine need in relation to income.

The income standard used depends on the program considered. The income standards are the:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Benefit Rate (FBR);
- Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG);
- Medically Needy Income Eligibility Standard (MNIES); and
- Special Income Level (SIL) rate for long term care (LTC) and home and community-based services (HCBS).

The standard for the number of persons in the income unit is compared to the countable income. Refer to [Z-0000 Charts](#).

I-1510.2 Ownership of Income

For Medicaid purposes, cash income belongs to the individual(s) for whom it is intended. If the income is received in the form of a check or money order, the income belongs to the person(s) named on the check.

Exceptions:

Child support and FITAP payments are income to the person(s) for whom they are intended. Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) checks may be made payable to "Jane Doe for Johnny Doe". The payment is countable income for Johnny Doe.

** To determine ownership for Veteran's Administration (VA) income for SSI related programs, Refer to [I-1534 Types of Income \(SSI-Related\): VA Benefits](#).

I-1511 VERIFICATION and DOCUMENTATION

**Verify and document the amount and receipt of income following [S-0000 Verification and Documentation](#) policy.

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