

2835.35.15 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (MED 1, 4)

Within MED 1, the policy stated in this section applies to MA A, MA B, and MA D.

SSI benefits of a non-institutionalized Medicaid applicant/recipient are exempt.ⁱ SSI benefits of a non-participating member of an AG are counted.

NOTE: In post-eligibility budgeting, SSI is counted for applicants/recipients in Medicaid-certified facilities with the following exceptions:

- The maximum SSI payment for a recipient in a Medicaid-certified facility is \$30. However, the full benefit amount may be erroneously paid for a few months to an individual just entering a facility. These erroneous payments can be disregarded only if the check is returned to the Social Security Administration uncashed.
- SSI payments made to recipients who are in 1619 status and who enter public institutions and Medicaid certified facilities (hospital, nursing facility, ICF/~~MRI~~IID, or CRF) are not reduced to the \$30 cap for the first two full months of institutionalization. For Medicaid purposes, the SSI payments made during these two months are to be disregarded as income.ⁱⁱ
- The SSI payments made for 90 days to recipients who are temporarily institutionalized are exempt. The SSA issues a special notice to these recipients indicating they are receiving benefits under P.L. 100-203. The DFR must retain a copy of this notice in the recipient's case file unless the temporary benefits are documented on DESX.
