

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ALABAMA

MORE LIBERAL METHODS OF TREATING INCOME
UNDER SECTION 1902(r)(2) OF THE ACT*

Section 1902(f) State Non-Section 1902(f) State

The consideration of in-kind support and maintenance in the income calculation is waived for determining eligibility of individuals and couples as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries and Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries.

Fluctuating income may be averaged for the past six months and projected for twelve months for determining eligibility of individuals and couples as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries and Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries.

Income will not be deemed from parents to pregnant women in determining the eligibility of individuals as pregnant women, infants, and children with income under the Federal Poverty Level.

For children under age 19 covered under the provisions of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I), the following more liberal income methodologies are used to determine eligibility:

- All applicants and recipients with earnings will receive the earned income disregard of \$30 and a 1/3 of the remainder for 12 consecutive months.
- Net income for self-employment and farming will be calculated using Schedule C and Schedule F respectively.
- \$1 will be disregarded for all applicants and recipients.

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Federal and State tax refunds and refundable tax credits are excluded as income for the following eligibility groups:

- X Qualified children and pregnant women 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III).
- X Poverty level pregnant women and infants (133 –185% FPL) under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV).
- X Poverty level children aged 1 up to age 6 (133% FPL) under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI).
- X Poverty level children aged 6 up to age 19 (100% FPL) under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII).
- X Optional categorically needy groups under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) as listed below.

Children receiving adoption subsidy payments under 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii)(VIII)

Adolescents in state foster care under 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii)(I)

Individuals receiving state supplementary payment based on need under 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XI)

NOTE: The Special Income Level Group under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V), the Individuals Who Would be Eligible if In an Institution Group under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI) and the Hospice Group under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VII) cannot be included in this disregard.

- ___ Medically Needy under 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III).
- ___ All aged, blind or disabled groups in 209(b) states under 1902(f).
- X QMBs, SLMBs and QIs under 1905(p),

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The purpose of the State Plan Amendment is to use the authority of section 1902(r)(2) of the Act to have a block income disregard between the current net income standard of 100% FPL and a gross income standard of 141% for the mandatory poverty-level related group of children aged 6 through 18 under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) of the Act. The State Plan Amendment will allow for the alignment of income standards for all children regardless of age.

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- X For all eligibility groups not subject to the limitations on payment explained in Section 1903(f) of the Act*: All wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to Census 2000 activities are excluded.

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