

# Frequently Asked Questions On Reporting Parental Income for Medical Assistance for Children with Disabilities

## **Does parental income need to be reported? YES!**

Under a state law passed in 2002, the income of a parent of a disabled child must be **reported** in order for the child to be eligible for Medical Assistance. The Department of Public Welfare can deny the child's application for benefits if parental income is not reported.

## **Is the parental income counted when determining the eligibility of the disabled child? NO!**

While the parental income must be reported, it is still **not counted** when determining the eligibility of the disabled child. The only income that will be counted is the income of the child. **Note:** Not all income of the child will be counted. Many sources of child income are disregarded.

## **What information does not need to be reported?**

Income of stepparents does not need to be reported. Assets, of either the parent or the child, do not need to be reported.

## **How do I get more information about Medical Assistance for Children with Disabilities?**

Review our website [www.phlp.org](http://www.phlp.org) and our manual on MA for Children with Disabilities or call us at (800)274-3258.