

Reporting Parental Income for Medical Assistance for Children with Disabilities

Frequently Asked Questions



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

Under a state law passed in 2002, the income of a parent of a child with disabilities 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.

³/₄ **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 step-parents 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, and our manual on Medical Assistance for Children with Disabilities, or call us at (800) 274-3258.

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