
Interim Policy & Procedure Memorandum

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TO: ISD Employees
FROM: Ted Roth, Director, Income Support Division
RE: Veteran's Administration (VA) Monthly Aid and Attendance Benefit
DATE: April 8, 2013

This IPP serves to clarify the income determination of Aid and Attendance Benefits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Cash/Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA) and Medicaid. This benefit is provided to veterans and surviving spouses who are eligible for VA pensions and require the regular aid of another person in order to perform personal functions of daily living.

When an individual receives a VA Aid and Attendance Benefit and does not pay someone outside the household benefit group to care for them, the compensation is considered countable income.

Any portion of the VA Aid and Attendance Benefit paid to someone outside the household benefit group for their care is excluded from income.

VA benefits should be coded as follows:

VA – VA benefits (any non-excludable income benefit to a recipient) includes Aid and Attendance Benefits.

VH – VA benefit paid to beneficiaries in a State Veteran's Home and excludable as income. Benefit paid to recipient or surviving spouse while residing in a state nursing home or receiving Medicaid-covered nursing home.

VT – VA benefit paid to beneficiaries in private nursing homes and excludable as income.

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