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Section 10.23,C,4 was changed to add the policy regarding deeming of unearned income from the spouse of the GA for DA client.

In addition, an incorrect reference to Poverty-Level Children as Medicaid Expansion was removed from Section 16.5,H.

Questions should be directed to the IM Policy Unit in OFS.

the period of time it is intended to cover. No disregards or deductions are applied. CWS income is earned income.

4. Deeming

The gross earned income of the spouse, minus only the AFDC/U Standard Work Deduction of the spouse, is counted for the client.

The gross unearned income of the spouse is deemed in its entirety to the GA for DA spouse.

5. Strikers

If the GA for DA client or his wife is a striker, the client is ineligible for GA for DA.

6. Irregular Income

Regardless of the source, irregular income is excluded because it cannot be anticipated.

7. Lump Sum Payments

Lump sum payments, whether received by the client or his spouse, are divided by the AFDC/U payment level for one person. The client is ineligible for the number of months resulting from the division. The remaining amount is counted as income in the first month after the ineligibility period ends.

8. Withheld Income

Withheld income is counted as any other earned or unearned income, depending on the source.

9. Funds Diverted To A PASS

Funds diverted to a PASS are counted as earned or unearned income, depending on the source.

10. Unstated Income

Unstated income is treated as it is for SSI-Related Medicaid. See Section 10.22,D,10.

11. Spenddown

There is no spenddown provision.

12. Unavailable Income

Income intended for the client, but received by another person with whom he does not live, when the individual receiving this income refuses to make it available, is excluded.

13. Income Received For A Non-Benefit Group Member

Income received by a member of the benefit group, which is intended and used for the care and maintenance of an individual whose income is not used in determining the eligibility or benefit level of the payee's benefit group, is excluded as income.

and is not eligible as

- a Deemed AFDC/U Recipient
 - a Qualified Child.
- Income of the child's SFU meets the income eligibility requirements described in Chapter 10.

NOTE: Special procedures must be followed when the child's sibling(s) has income of his own. These procedures must be followed to avoid illegally deeming income from one sibling to another. These procedures are described in Chapter 10.

NOTE: The Worker must determine financial eligibility prior to entry into the M-219 System. No entries are accepted in the income blocks of cases containing a Poverty-Level Child Ages 1-5.

Poverty-Level Children Ages 1-5 must not be required to have an AFDC/U deprivation factor or to live with a specified relative. There is no asset test for such children.

H. POVERTY-LEVEL CHILDREN, AGES 6-18 (BORN ON OR AFTER 10-1-83)

Income: 100% FPL

Assets: N/A

NOTE: If a child is receiving inpatient services on the date he would lose eligibility due to attainment of the maximum age, eligibility must continue until the end of that inpatient stay.

A child at least age 6, but not yet age 19 is eligible as a Poverty-Level Child, Ages 6-18 when all of the following conditions are met:

- The child is not receiving
 - AFDC/U
 - SSI
- and is not eligible as
- a Deemed AFDC/U Recipient
 - a Qualified Child
- The child was born on or after 10-1-83.
- The child is under age 19, regardless of school attendance or course completion date.

- Income of the child's SFU meets the income eligibility requirements described in Chapter 10.

NOTE: Special procedures must be followed when the child's sibling(s) has income of his own. These procedures must be followed to avoid illegally deeming income from one sibling to another. These procedures are described in Chapter 10.

NOTE: The Worker must determine financial eligibility prior to entry into the M-219 System. No entries are accepted in the income blocks of cases containing a Poverty-Level Child, Ages 6-18.

A Poverty-Level Child, Age 6-18, must not be required to have an AFDC/U deprivation factor or to live with a specified relative. There is no asset test for such children.

The maximum allowable age for children under this coverage group increases each year due to the requirement that these children be born on or after October 1, 1983. The maximum ages and dates they become effective are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAXIMUM AGE</u>
10/95	12
10/96	13
10/97	14
10/98	15
10/99	16
10/00	17
10/01	18
10/02	19 -
	Eligibility ends at age 19

I. NEWBORN CHILDREN (M-219 System)

Income: N/A

Assets: N/A

NOTE: If a child is receiving inpatient services on the date he would lose eligibility due to attainment of age 1, eligibility must continue until the end of that inpatient stay.

A Newborn Child (birth - 12 months) is eligible for Medicaid until he reaches age 1, when all of the following conditions are met: