3455.25.00 BUDGETING INCOME-IN-KIND (MED 1, MED 4)

The policies stated in this section apply only to the MA A, MA B, and MA D, MA G, MA L, MA J, and MA L categories of assistance.

When someone pays for all the applicant's/recipient's food, or shelter, income-in-kind is received. The amount to be budgeted as income is the actual value of the in-kind support and maintenance received not to exceed one-third of the applicable federal benefit rate for SSI. The one-third value is determined by dividing the federal benefit rate for SSI by three. For 2014, the max value is \$240.33 for a single individual and \$360.66 for a married couple. The federal benefit rate for SSI can be found at https://www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/SSIamts.html.

Gift card/Gift certificates received by the applicant/recipient is income in the month received if it is used to purchase food or shelter; or can be resold. Any unspent balance remaining on a gift card/certificate is a resource beginning the month following the month the gift card/certificate was received 16.

¹⁶ 20 CFR 416.1103 (g)