

Income Documentation Information and Acceptable Documents for use by Local Health Departments

Included:

Salaries and wages; before any deductions

Earnings from self-employment;

Net receipts from non-farm self-employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses);

Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses);

Investment income, stocks, bonds, savings account interest, rentals, and all other investment income;

Periodic trust fund payments;

Public assistance money;

Unemployment compensation;

Alimony

Child Support (excluded from Family Planning Clients)

Military family allotments or other regular support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household;

Social Security benefits;

Veteran's Administration benefits;

Retirement and pension payments;

Regular insurance or annuity payments;

Worker's compensation;

Educational stipends in excess of the cost of tuition and books;

Allowances paid for basic living expenses such as housing and utilities;

Supplemental security income benefits;

Dividends, interest, net rental income, net royalties, periodic receipts from estates or trusts, and net gambling or lottery winnings.

All other sources of cash income except those specifically excluded.

Exceptions:

Irregular, incidental income that a child may earn from babysitting, lawn mowing, or other similar tasks;

Proceeds from the sale of an asset;

Withdrawals from a bank account;

Gifts;

Inheritances;

Life insurance proceeds or other one time insurance settlements.

Capital gains;

Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house, or a car; and

Tax refunds, gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury.

Also excluded are noncash benefits, such as:

Employer-paid or union-paid portion of health insurance or other employee fringe benefits;

Food or housing received in lieu of wages;

The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms;

The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing; and

Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance.