

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Iowa

VARIATIONS FROM THE BASIC PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

Additional amounts are allowed in the personal needs allowance when:

- ◆ The person has earned income. An additional \$65 is added to the ongoing personal needs allowance from the earned income only.
- ◆ The person has home living expenses in the month of entry.
 - A single person is given an allowance for stated home living expenses during the month of entry, up to the amount of the SSI benefit for a single person.
 - Spouses who enter a medical institution in the same month and whose eligibility is determined together are given an allowance for stated home living expenses during the month of entry, up to the amount of the SSI benefit for a couple.
 - Spouses who enter a medical institution in the same month and whose eligibility is determined separately are each given an allowance for stated home living expenses during the month of entry, up to one-half of the amount of the SSI benefit for a married couple. However, if the income of one spouse is less than one-half of the SSI benefit for a couple, the remainder of the allowance is given to the other spouse.
 - When the community spouse enters a medical institution in a later month, that spouse is given an allowance for stated expenses during the month of entry, up to the amount of the SSI benefit for one person.
- ◆ The person has home living expenses in the month of discharge. The person is given an allowance in the amount of the SSI benefit for one person (or for a couple, if both members are discharged in the same month). This allowance does not apply when a spouse is at home.
- ◆ The person has a trust described in 1917(d)(4) of the Social Security Act. A reasonable amount, not to exceed \$10 per month without court approval, can be set aside or paid for trust administrative fees.

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