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DDS Rent Subsidy and Applying for DSS Medical, Cash or SNAP
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This direction was given to DSS Eligibility Staff in 2011. This remains the process and the policy today.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) operates a housing subsidy program. This program often provides payments in addition to the State Supplement program benefits provided by DSS. Such housing subsidy payments are totally excluded when calculating a State Supplement or MAABD recipient's eligibility and benefits (UPM 5015.10F.20). These subsidies are, however, counted for SNAP.

DDS has reported incidences where we have counted these subsidies as income for the State Supplement or Medicaid programs. This should not occur, even if the subsidy is greater than the difference between our housing standard and the client's share of the rent. The subsidy is intended to cover other needs such as tenant insurance and utilities, aside from rental costs.

However, it is mandatory to report the DDS Rent Subsidy to DSS, even if it is not counted toward some of their DSS benefits.

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