

	<b>GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES MEDICAID POLICY MANUAL</b>			
	<b>Chapter:</b>	<b>2550</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>December 2022</b>
	<b>Policy Title:</b>	<b>Protection of Income</b>		
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## REQUIREMENTS

All or part of the recipient's income is protected for the month of admission to or discharge from a nursing home (NH), Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP/EDWP, ICWP or NOW/COMP.

## BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

Income is protected for the month in which any of the following situations occurs:

- The recipient enters a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP/EDWP, ICWP or NOW/COMP from LA-A or B.
- The recipient leaves a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP/EDWP, ICWP or NOW/COMP and enters LA-A or B.
- The recipient has CCSP/EDWP, ICWP or NOW/COMP waived services and case management is terminated.
- The recipient is admitted to and leaves a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP/EDWP, ICWP or NOW/COMP in the same month.
- The recipient is admitted to a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP/EDWP, ICWP or NOW/COMP and dies in the same month.
- The recipient enters a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP/EDWP, ICWP or NOW/COMP in the same month in which s/he was admitted to a hospital or other LA-D from LA-A or B.
- Goes directly from NH to CCSP/EDWP or CCSP/EDWP to NH.

**NOTE:** In the above situation, use the date of admission to the first LA-D as the admission date for determining the amount of protected income.

- For Institutionalized Hospice use the date of election of Hospice services.
- For CCSP/EDWP, ICWP, or NOW/COMP cases, use the date case management begins. Third party vendor payment supplements are not protected. VA Aid and Attendance are not counted in the Patient Liability/Cost Share (PL/CS) budget. Refer to Section [2418](#), VA Aid and Attendance.

Allow the protected income deduction when calculating the PL/CS.

**BASIC CONSIDERATIONS (cont.)**

Use the following chart to determine the amount of the recipient’s income to protect based on when the recipient entered and/or left LA-D. If an A/R enters and leaves a facility/facilities more than once during the same month, or if the A/R dies during the month of admission, the total number of days spent in the facility/facilities for the entire month is considered in determining protected income.

Refer to the following chart.

- Count the day of admission towards the total stay.
- Do not count the day of discharge or death towards the total stay.

<b>CHART 2553.1 – PROTECTION OF INCOME</b>	
<b>IF the applicant/recipient</b>	<b>THEN Protect</b>
enters the 1 <sup>st</sup> through the 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the month from LA-A, B, or C	one half income
enters the 11 <sup>th</sup> through 31 <sup>st</sup> day of the month from LA-A, B, or C	ALL income
enters/leaves (leaves/enters) or dies in the same month <b>AND</b> the total stay is 10 days or less	ALL income
enters/leaves (leaves/enters) or dies in the same month <b>AND</b> the total stay is 11 days or more	one half income
leaves the 1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the month to LA-A, B, or C	ALL income
leaves the 11 <sup>th</sup> through 31 <sup>st</sup> day of the month to LA-A, B, or C	one half income
dies in a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP/EDWP, ICWP, or NOW/COMP in any month after the month of admission	NO income
Leaves CCSP/EDWP and enters a NH on the same day	ALL income in the month of admission to NH
Leaves NH and enters CCSP/EDWP Case Management on the same day	ALL income for the CCSP/EDWP CS for month of entry. NH PL will have a PNA of the FBR in month of discharge to CCSP/EDWP.
is admitted to an LA-D directly from another LA-D and has been continuously residing in the first LA-D since prior to the first day of the month of entry to the second LA-D (except for NH to CCSP/EDWP or CCSP/EDWP to NH)	NO income