

2553 – PROTECTION OF INCOME

POLICY STATEMENT	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, ICWP or MRWP/CHSS.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>Income is protected for the month in which any of the following situations occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recipient enters a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP, ICWP or MRWP/CHSS from LA-A or B. • The recipient leaves a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP, ICWP or MRWP/CHSS and enters LA-A or B. • The recipient has CCSP/ICWP/MRWP/CHSS waived services and case management terminated. • The recipient is admitted to and leaves a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP, ICWP or MRWP/CHSS in the same month. • The recipient is admitted to a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP, ICWP or MRWP/CHSS and dies in the same month. • The recipient enters a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP, ICWP or MRWP/CHSS 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 or CCSP to NH. <p>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/ICWP/MRWP/CHSS 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 2556, VA Aid and Attendance.</p> <p>Allow the protected income deduction when calculating the PL/CS.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count the day of admission towards the total stay. • Do not count the day of discharge or death towards the total stay.

CHART 2553.1 – PROTECTION OF INCOME	
IF the applicant/recipient	THEN Protect
enters the 1 st through the 10 th day of the month from LA-A, B, or C	one half income
enters the 11 th through 31 st day of the month from LA-A, B, or C	ALL income
enters/leaves (leaves/enters) or dies in the same month AND the total stay is 10 days or less	ALL income
enters/leaves (leaves/enters) or dies in the same month AND the total stay is 11 days or more	one half income
leaves the 1 st through 10 th day of the month to LA-A, B, or C	ALL income
leaves the 11 th through 31 st day of the month to LA-A, B, or C	one half income
dies in a NH, Institutionalized Hospice, CCSP, ICWP, or MRWP/CHSS in any month after the month of admission	NO income
Leaves CCSP and enters a NH on the same day	ALL income in the month of admission to NH
Leaves NH and enters CCSP Case Management on the same day	ALL income for the CCSP CS for month of entry. NH PL will have a PNA of the FBR in month of discharge to CCSP.
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 or CCSP to NH)	NO income