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PURPOSE

1. To determine the actual income from rental of property.

PRINCIPLE

- 2. Except as provided in Regulation, all income must be included in determining eligibility.
- 3. Rental income should be calculated at fair market value for the type of facility and location, regardless of the fact that a lesser amount may be charged to the tenant.

POLICY

- 4. In situations where the applicant rents out a self-contained apartment in his/her own home (heat and lights included), the actual cost of heat and lights and the actual rental income would be included in the calculation of a budget deficit.
- 5. In situations where the applicant rents out a "semi-detached" facility (i.e. duplex, attached apartment, etc.) 95 percent of the actual "gross" income derived from the property rental shall be included in the calculation of a budget deficit. Five percent of the income is exempted for depreciation/maintenance costs. Expenses of the rental facility shall not be included because utilities are paid by the tenant.
- 6. In cases where the applicant is renting out a facility separate from his/her principal residence, he/she will be given 90 days' notice to dispose of the asset, in accordance with Instruction 4-3. During that 90-day period, all rent received shall be included as income, with no consideration given to the expenses of the second property.
- 7. If the rental property is being managed as a business, refer to Policy 4-8 (Income from Self-Employment).

CROSS REFERENCE

4-3 Assets - Real or Personal Property