

APPENDIX D: DESK REFERENCE FOR MEDICAL EYE CARE PROGRAM

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NC RESIDENCY

An individual is considered a resident if he/she is in NC voluntarily with the intent to Remain and is not an illegal alien. He/She must present a "green card" as verification. The "green card" is not green but is an I-551. This is also called a Permanent Resident Card. An I-94 with a temporary I-551 stamp can also be accepted as verification. A social security card does not document legal residence.

Income Computation

Sources	Deductions
Gross Wages <ul style="list-style-type: none">Total earned income before deductions	Payroll Deductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Federal, State, Social Security (FICA) & Medicare taxes only.
Social Security / Disability Pensions <ul style="list-style-type: none">VA, RR Ret., other retirement/pensions	
Workmen's Compensation	
Unemployment Benefits	
Court Ordered Child Support	
Interest/Dividends <ul style="list-style-type: none">Interest must be counted even if A/R chooses to allow it to be added to account & not take immediate payment.	
Self Employment/Farm Income	
Support from Family/Friends	
Other (i.e. alimony)	

Income computation is based on family* income for 6 months preceding the date of application. However, the A/R may present written documentation of one month's income and declare that his/her income has been the same for the other 5 months. If income is received weekly, multiply the weekly amount by 4.3 to obtain the monthly amount; if received bi-weekly, multiply by 2.16. At least 2 consecutive months of weekly or bi-weekly income must be totaled and then divided by number of pay periods used. Then multiply either by 4.3 or 2.16 to get representative monthly wages. See back of this reference and section 200 for further information.

** Family is the basic unit consisting of one or more adults and children, if any, related by blood,

marriage, or adoption, and residing in the same household. Included in the family unit are it's children age 18 through 22 who are listed on the family's income tax return as dependents, but the adult income scale must be used to determine financial eligibility. Also, if related adults (other than spouses) or unrelated adults reside together, each is a separate family (see section 200: C Family 200 II C: Members in Household).

If income varies or if applicant has no income for some pay periods, add total income (including "0" for some pay periods) and follow examples below:

Monthly		Weekly		Bi-Weekly	
1st month	\$410	1st week	\$210	1st pay period	\$391
2nd month	\$	2nd week	\$175	2nd pay period	\$408
3rd month	\$600	3rd week	\$145	3rd pay period	\$210
4th month	\$	4th week	\$195	4th pay period	\$114
5th month	\$	5th week	\$225	5th pay period	\$401
6th month	\$575	6th week	\$241		
		7th week	\$		
		8th week	\$184		
Total \$1585 ÷ 6 months = Average monthly income of \$264.17.		Total for 8 consecutive weeks \$1375 ÷ 8 weeks = \$171.88 x 4.3 weeks = Average monthly income of \$739.08.		Total of all pay periods in two consecutive months = \$1524 ÷ 5 pay periods = \$304.80 x 2.16 = Average monthly income of \$658.37.	

Net income scale for adults and children is the same

Family Size	Monthly maximum net income
1	\$958
2	\$1,293
3	\$1,628
4	\$1,963
5	\$2,298
6	\$2,633
7	\$2,968
8	\$3,303
9	\$3,638
10	\$3,973

For each additional family member, add \$335 to monthly maximum net income

Important Facts About the Medical Eye Care Program

- Recipients age 25 or older, refractions are restricted to one every 2 years. If under 25, refractions are restricted to one annually.
- There is a \$5 co-payment on the exam which is due to the eye care provider when the service is provided.
- The eligibility period is for 6 months from the date of eligibility determination. Retroactive authorization for eye exams & emergency surgery/hospitalizations may be done if the A/R was eligible had he/she made application at the time the service was delivered & the service was provided no more than 90 days before the date of application. The service must be consistent with the scope of services covered by MEC Program.