

# FACTSHEET

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## EARNINGS EXEMPTIONS

- Earnings exemptions are available to individuals on income assistance who are not expected to become financially independent.
- On March 1, 2006, the earnings exemptions increased to \$500 per month for Persons with Disabilities and Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers.
- Earnings exemptions allow eligible income assistance clients to earn income (up to the monthly limit) in addition to full shelter and support assistance.
- These exemptions encourage eligible individuals who want to work and are able to work to maintain their skills, participate more fully in the workplace and have greater financial independence.

<b>Eligible Clients</b>	<b>Earnings Exemption Amount</b>
A single individual with <b>Persons with Disabilities (PWD)</b>	\$500
A single individual with <b>Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)</b>	\$500
A family unit where <b>both</b> individuals have PWD designation	\$750
A family unit where only <b>one</b> individual has PWD designation	\$500
A single parent who cares for a child with a severe disability where the disability of the child precludes the caregiver from working outside the home for more than 30 hours a week.	\$300