

INTERPRETIVE MEMO

3SquaresVT Rule Interpretation

Procedure Instruction

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**Temporary housing and utility payments made for a 3SquaresVT household through the General Assistance (GA) program do not count as unearned income to the 3SQ household. As long as these GA payments are not paid to or cashable by the household they are excluded as income.**

For example: GA issues a check for rent to a landlord and a check for electricity to the light company for a GA eligible 3SQ household. As of February 21, 2012 these rent and utility payments no longer count as income to the 3SQ household.

**GA temporary housing and utility payments issued to a 3SquaresVT household are countable income.**

For example: A 3SQ household rents a room to a friend. GA issues a room rent check paid to the 3SQ household for the friend. This room rent is countable income to the 3SQ household.

**Personal Needs (PNI) payments continue to be counted as unearned income.**

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