

INTERPRETIVE MEMO

Reach Up Rule Interpretation

Procedural Instruction

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Act 58 of 2015 amended 33 V.S.A. § 1103(c) to require the Department to count up to \$125.00 of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment received by a parent when determining the amount of the family's Reach Up financial assistance. If both parents receive SSI, a maximum of \$125.00 of the parents' combined SSI payments will be counted. A child's SSI payment will **not** be counted, even if a parent receives the payment on behalf of the child. This requirement applies only to parents and does not apply to caretakers.

The Department will count up to \$125 of the SSI payment received by a parent as unearned income for the Reach Up assistance group. Parents who receive SSI will continue to be excluded from the Reach Up assistance group for all other purposes.