

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State           Pennsylvania          

RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Under the Pennsylvania Support Law, certain relatives not living with the applicant group are obligated to provide for their relatives if they are financially able. For Medical Assistance purposes these relatives are spouses and parents (natural or adoptive) of unemancipated minor children. Parent includes the father of a child born out of wedlock only if paternity has been established. A finding of financial ability to support is made for each such relative except that a relative over 60 years of age is excluded. There is no relative financial responsibility for blind children over age 21.

The following method is used to determine the expected contribution from a spouse or from a parent of an unemancipated minor child:

- a. Determine the allowable dependents living with the spouse/ parent. Dependents who may be included are (1) minor children for whom the relative is legally responsible, (2) any other legal dependent without income, (3) any other legal dependent with income providing the relative so requests.
- b. Determine total net income of the spouse/parent and his dependents. "Net income" from self-employment or business is profit before tax deductions; net income from either employment is gross less \$20 per month for work expenses. Income earned under Titles I and II of the Economic Opportunity Act is not included.
- c. Deduct from the above total:
  - 1. Any amount the relative is paying for the support of a person not living with him and for whom he or his wife is legally responsible.
  - 2. The amount the relative is contributing towards the support of spouse or child.
- d. If the spouse or Parent is a State Blind Pension recipient, deduct \$85 from the monthly income.
- e. Select the appropriate figure from the income scale below and subtract it from the total net income.

No. of Persons Dependent Upon Relative's Income (Including the Relative)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Net Monthly Income	\$230	\$340	\$400	\$460	\$520	\$580

Six times the resulting figure is considered to be available for meeting the cost of MA.