

**Important Earned Income Update
for Those Receiving Services through the ABI and HCB Medicaid Waivers**

In the past, the SCL Waiver was the only Kentucky Medicaid Waiver that allowed earned income exclusions when computing a recipient's "share of cost," or "patient liability." However, effective March 3, 2008 the same earned income exclusion will also be applied to employed people receiving services through either the ABI Waiver or the HCB Waiver.

The standard SSI earned income deduction will be used -- meaning that all recipients will have the first \$65 and ½ of the remainder of their monthly gross wages disregarded when computing their "share of cost," or amount personally paid to the Medicaid provider agency due to wages.

For many, this will make employment feasible for the first time, since their newly computed "share of cost," or "patient liability," will either be significantly reduced, or in some instances zeroed-out.

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