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### Policy

The following are not considered income when determining eligibility:

- Money from the sale of a resource;
- Money a person receives to cover someone else's expenses and then uses to pay the expenses is not considered income to the customer;
- Replacement income;
- Return of incorrect payments; and
- Vendor payments.

**NOTE** This does not include payments made directly to a vendor when the money is legally owed to the person (such as alimony). For example, the person's ex-husband pays her rent with the alimony that he normally sends her. This is considered income; not a vendor payment.

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### Definitions

Term	Definition
Replacement Income	<p>A payment that replaces income which was lost or stolen.</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> The original payment would be counted as income when received.</p>
Return of incorrect payments	<p>A payment returned by a person who is aware that he is not entitled to the payment.</p> <p>If there is a delay in the return of an incorrect payment beyond the month following the month of receipt, the reason for the delay must be documented.</p>

	<u>See &lt;Example of returning an incorrect payment&gt;</u>
Vendor Payments	Payments for a customer's expenses made directly to the vendor by a third party.  <u>See &lt;Example of Vendor Payment&gt;</u>

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## Proof

Proof may be needed if the transaction appears questionable. Types of proof include, but are not limited to:

- Receipts;
- Bills; and
- Phone call to the source of the payment.



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