

**NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND  
PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES SECTION  
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE BLIND PROGRAM**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

As a result of the reduction in the Special Assistance for the Blind rates approved by the General Assembly some SAB recipients became ineligible because of excess income. This group of residents was grandfathered into a group identified as “disenfranchised” recipients.

## **I. REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Disenfranchised Recipients Must Meet all of the Following Requirements:**

1. Were eligible for SAB on September 30, 1995.
2. Applied prior to October 1, 1995.
3. Received SAB continuously since application date.
4. Total countable monthly income (after all deductions and exclusions, including the \$20 income disregard) was \$871 or greater as of September 30, 1995.
5. Total countable monthly income (after all deductions and exclusions, including the \$20 income disregard) is now between \$1,126.51 and \$1,266.50.

**Note: Disenfranchised recipients must continue to meet all other eligibility requirements for SAB including resources, citizenship, etc.**

## **II. BUDGETING**

Effective July 1, 1999, the maximum monthly ACH rate for disenfranchised ambulatory and semi-ambulatory recipients is \$1,231.

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Example:	
\$1,231.00	Maximum SAB payment rate (Disenfranchised)
+ 46.00	Personal Needs Allowance
\$1,277.00	Maintenance Amount
1,200.00	Total Countable Monthly Income (after all deductions and exclusions, including \$20 Income Disregard)
\$ 77.77	Difference
\$ 78.00	Payment (rounded)

### III. CHANGE IN SITUATION

#### A. Disenfranchised Recipient Becomes Eligible at Basic Rate

1. Use normal budgeting
2. Change maintenance

#### B. Recipient Formerly Disenfranchised Paying Basic SAB Rate has an Increase in Income and Now Exceeds the Income Limit for a Basic Recipient.

1. Do not terminate the case. These individuals may switch back to paying the appropriate disenfranchised rate, as long as the case has never been terminated since October 1, 1995 (for reasons other than administrative error).
2. Apply the appropriate disenfranchised rate (based on the recipient's ambulation capacity on the FL-2) and complete a disenfranchised budget.

#### C. Disenfranchised Status Ends When:

1. Case is terminated for any reason other than administrative error.
2. If individual reapplies, the applicant must meet the regular SAB requirements.