

GOVERNMENT BENEFIT CHART FOR INJURY SETTLEMENT RECIPIENTS



Clients receiving government benefits require special consideration to ensure a settlement distribution does not disrupt benefit eligibility. This chart briefly describes categories of government benefits and their sensitivity to an asset increase:

<u>BENEFIT PROGRAM</u>	<u>ELIGIBLE DEMOGRAPHICS</u>	<u>ASSET SENSITIVE?</u>
SSI/Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income)	Medically disabled <u>or</u> over age 65 and within income/asset threshold	YES, to receive settlement and maintain benefit eligibility, client should consider special needs trust
Medicaid (Adult)	Medically disabled <u>or</u> over age 65 and within income/asset threshold	YES, to receive settlement and maintain benefit eligibility, client should consider special needs trust
Family Related Medicaid (Child)	Child's family household income is within income threshold. Settlement to child is not counted as household income.	NO
SSDI/RIB/Title II (Social Security)	Over age 65 <u>or</u> disabled and 10 years (40 quarters) of work history with federal tax payments.	NO
Medicare	Over age 65 <u>or</u> disabled and 10 years (40 quarters) of work history with federal tax payments.	NO, however, Medicare beneficiaries receiving settlements should undergo Medicare Set Aside analysis

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