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Medicaid – Long Term Care  
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| **Subject: Treatment of retroactive VA Aid and Attendance benefits**  **Question:** Are lump sum VA Aid and Attendance benefits excluded for 9 months like SSI and RSDI payments are? |

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services** | **Date: 3/31/2017** |

No, lump sum VA Aid and Attendance benefits are not excluded for nine months. Lump sum VA Aid and Attendance benefits are counted as either income or a resource in the month they are received. If the lump sum is considered income in the month it is received, any money left the following month is considered a resource. If the lump sum is considered a resource, the payment is added to the amount of any other countable resources.