

I am a individual with a disability and have a group of friends who are fighting on a situation where under the Medicaid they do not disregard unearned income and they are at risk of being put in a nursing Facility. Currently under MBIWD and Workability they disregard \$20'000 of earned income but not unearned income. Unearned income includes STRS, OPERS, Police and Firefighter pensions, SERS Veteran Benefits, SSDI and anything else defined as unearned income

Since the Social Security Fairness Act recently passed A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE CHANGE. That means whatever amount you paid into you will receive and not having a 2/3 deduction in your social security if you have a pension like it has been since the 1980's

No one deserved to be told YOU MAKE TO MUCH TO QUALIFY so you have to make a choice pay this huge amount which is like 65% of your money to Medicaid or be put in a Nursing Facility or Intermediate Care Facility for people with I/DD. That is wrong

Some people ask well can you put this in the STABLE Account and then the money is not counted. No. If you still put this Money in the Stable account it is counted just the STABLE Account is not counted as a Asset

I feel we need to prevent institutions from getting more people we came so far and do not want to go backwards I will have updated charts by Wednesday

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