

**256P.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Agency.** "Agency" means any county, federally recognized Indian tribe, or multicounty social services collaboratives.

Subd. 2a. **Assistance unit.** "Assistance unit" is defined by program area under sections 119B.011, subdivision 13; 256D.02, subdivision 1a; 256D.35, subdivision 3a; 256I.03, subdivision 1b; and 256J.08, subdivision 7.

*[See Note.]*

Subd. 3. **Earned income.** "Earned income" means cash or in-kind income earned through the receipt of wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, tips, gratuities, profit from employment activities, net profit from self-employment activities, payments made by an employer for regularly accrued vacation or sick leave, severance pay based on accrued leave time, payments from training programs at a rate at or greater than the state's minimum wage, royalties, honoraria, or other profit from activity that results from the client's work, service, effort, or labor. The income must be in return for, or as a result of, legal activity.

*[See Note.]*

Subd. 4. **Earned income disregard.** "Earned income disregard" means earned income that is not counted according to section 256P.03 when determining eligibility and calculating the amount of the assistance payment.

Subd. 5. **Equity value.** "Equity value" means the amount of equity in personal property owned by a person and is determined by subtracting any outstanding encumbrances from the fair market value of the personal property.

Subd. 6. **Personal property.** "Personal property" means an item of value that is not real property.

Subd. 7. **Self-employment.** "Self-employment" means employment by an individual who:

(1) incurs costs in producing income and deducts these costs in order to equate the individual's income with income from sources where there are no production costs; and

(2) controls the individual's work by working either independently of an employer or freelance, or by running the business; or

(3) pays self-employment taxes.

Subd. 8. **Unearned income.** "Unearned income" has the meaning given in section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2).

*[See Note.]*

**History:** 2014 c 312 art 28 s 32; 2015 c 71 art 5 s 23-25,35

**NOTE:** Subdivisions 2a and 8, as added by Laws 2015, chapter 71, article 5, sections 23 and 25, are effective August 1, 2016. Laws 2015, chapter 71, article 5, section 35.

**NOTE:** The amendment to subdivision 3 by Laws 2015, chapter 71, article 5, section 24, is effective August 1, 2016. Laws 2015, chapter 71, article 5, section 35.