

CHAPTER 196

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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(a) Payments received by veterans or their dependents because of settlements between them and the manufacturers of Agent Orange or other chemical agents, as defined in section 196.21, must not be treated as income (or an available resource) of the veterans or their dependents for the purposes of any program of public assistance or benefit program administered by the department of veterans affairs, the department of human services, or other agencies of the state or political subdivisions of the state, except as provided in paragraph (b).

(b) The income and resource exclusion in paragraph (a) does not apply to the medical assistance, food stamps, or aid to families with dependent children programs until the commissioner of human services receives formal approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, for the medical assistance and aid to families with dependent children programs, and from the United States Department of Agriculture, for the food stamps program. The income exclusion does not apply to the Minnesota supplemental aid program until the commissioner receives formal federal approval of the exclusion for the medical assistance program.

History: 1989 c 282 art 2 s 53