

**Section 22-6-5.1****Collection of patient's income by tax collector; payment to Medicaid Agency; exceptions; rules and regulations.**

(a) The sponsor of any nursing home patient receiving Medicaid payments shall execute and deliver instruments necessary to authorize the tax collector of the county in which the patient resides to receive any earned and unearned income of the patient. Such earned and unearned income to which the patient is entitled shall be paid directly to the tax collector and, when collected, shall be paid over by him to the Medicaid Agency of the State of Alabama for administering the Medicaid Program. Supplemental security income grants (S.S.I.), the personal needs allowance, and sheltered workshop earnings shall not be deemed to be "earned or unearned income" for the purposes of this section and these shall be excluded from the provisions of this section.

(b) The State Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations and prescribe forms for the collection of the moneys required to be collected by the several tax collectors of the state pursuant to this section. Provided, such regulations shall require the tax collectors to remit the moneys once a month to the Medicaid Agency.

(c) The Medicaid Agency shall from time to time furnish the tax collector of each county with a list of the nursing home patients receiving Medicaid payments in the respective counties.

*(Acts 1980, No. 80-113, p. 164.)*