**Section 114.245 Payments from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services**

Foster Care Payments

a) The following foster care payments made by the Department of Children and Families Services (DCFS) are to be considered exempt unearned income when determining the eligibility of the assistance unit (exclusive of the foster child).

1) Basic maintenance payments.

2) Special service fee payments.

3) Intensive service fee payments.

4) Monthly retainer fee payments.

5) Adoption Subsidies.

b) Independent living arrangement payments.

 Payments made by DCFS to wards living independently of a foster home shall be considered nonexempt unearned income when determining the eligibility of the ward's children for assistance.

(Source: Amended at 8 Ill. Reg. 5233, effective April 9, 1984)