Summary of Revision

Add clarifying information to identify tribal payments not counted for eligibility.

Apple Health (Medicaid) Manual revision via track changes:

WAC 182-509-0340 MAGI income -- American Indian/Alaska Native excluded income.

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Clarifying Information

1) Per capita distributions from gaming is countable income.
2) Funds that do not count as income include:

Tribal Elder Social Security Assistance (TESSA) plan payments made to tribal elders to promote their general welfare based on their special needs.

Some tribes, such as the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, provide this type of cash assistance to its elder members. When determining eligibility for Apple Health, these payments are excluded under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014. See also 26 USC § 139E: Indian general welfare benefits.