

**§14.87 List of permissible SNT Distributions**

The following is an alphabetical list of generally permissible distributions from an SNT that will not reduce or eliminate SSI. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list.

- Automobile/van;
- Accounting services;
- Acupuncture/acupressure;
- Appliances (TV, VCR, DVD player, stereo, microwave, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer);
- NOTE™ Depending on their value, it may be necessary to inventory appliances as assets of the trust. Because the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is entitled to reimbursement from a first party SNT, DHCS does not want personal property of significant value to escape any repayment obligation. However, because used appliances typically have very little value, this will usually not be an issue. The better practice is to carry appliances as trust assets, provide DHCS with an estimate of their value after (the beneficiary\*\* death, and request permission to give them to family members. It can be a challenge for a trustee to keep track of appliances or prevent family members from selling them.
- Bottled water or water service;
- Bus pass/public transportation costs;
- Camera, film, recorder and tapes, development of film;
- Clothing;
- Clubs and club dues (record clubs, book clubs, health clubs, service clubs, zoo, advocacy groups, museums);
- Computer hardware, software, programs, and Internet service;
- Conferences
- Courses or classes (academic or recreational), including books and supplies;
- Curtains, blinds, and drapes;
- Dental work not covered by Medi-Cal, including anesthesia;
- Downpayment on home or security deposit on apartment;
- Dry cleaning and/or laundry services;
- Elective surgery;
- Fitness equipment;
- Funeral expenses;
- Furniture, home furnishings;
- Gasoline and/or maintenance for automobile;
- Haircuts/salon services;
- Hobby supplies;
- Holiday decorations, holiday cards;
- Home alarm and/or monitoring/response system;
- Home improvements, repairs, and maintenance (not covered by Medi-Cal), including tools to perform home improvements, repairs, and maintenance by homeowner;
- Home purchase (to the extent not covered by benefits);

- House cleaning/maid services;
- Insurance (automobile, home and/or possessions);
- Legal fees/advocacy (may need court approval of legal fees if court-supervised);
- Linens and towels;
- Magazine and newspaper subscriptions;
- Massage;
- Musical instruments (including lessons and music);
- Nonfood grocery items (laundry soap, bleach, fabric softener, deodorant, dish soap, hand and body soap, personal hygiene products, paper towels, napkins, Kleenex, toilet paper, and household cleaning products);
- Over-the-counter medications (including vitamins and herbs);
- Personal assistance services not covered by Medi-Cal;
- Pet and pet supplies, veterinary services;
- Physician specialist\* if not covered by Medi-Cal;
- Private counseling if not covered by Medi-Cal;
- Repair services (e.g. for appliances, automobile, bicycle, household, or fitness equipment);
- Snow removal/landscaping/gardening (lawn) services;
- Sporting goods/equipment/uniforms/team pictures;
- Stationery, stamps, and cards;
- Storage units;
- Taxicab;
- Telephone service and equipment, including cell phone, pager;
- Therapy (physical, occupational, speech) not covered by Medi-Cal;
- Tickets to concerts or sporting events (for beneficiary and an accompanying companion, if attendant is necessary);
- Transportation (automobile, motorcycle, bicycle, moped, gas, bus passes, insurance, vehicle license fees, gas, car repairs);
- Utility bills (satellite TV, cable TV, telephone—but not gas, water, or electricity);
- Vacation (including paying for a personal assistant to accompany the beneficiary if attendant is necessary).