

H. Direct Dollar Benefits to Clients

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Enter only affirmative dollar awards to clients, not cost savings from judgments of payments avoided.

Examples "Other":

- o Insurance settlements
- o Private pension benefits
- o Housing allowances
- o Etc.

Affirmative Dollar Awards: An affirmative recovery is any outcome of real or quantifiable value (see below). How to decide whether to report the award as monthly or lump sum:

- **Monthly:** If the monthly benefit will continue indefinitely, then report the monthly amount into the monthly field.
- **Lump Sum:** Report lump sum back awards, settlements and **finite** monthly awards. For example, if you get a decision providing your client with \$300 per month for six months, enter \$1,800 into the back awards/settlements field and do NOT report it in the monthly field.

	Total Obtained During Period	
	Lump Sum Awards/ Settlements	Monthly Benefits
a. Social Security, SSI	\$ _____	\$ _____
b. Other Federal Benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
c. Unemployment Compensation	\$ _____	\$ _____
d. Family Law		
(1) Child Support	\$ _____	\$ _____
(2) Spousal support	\$ _____	\$ _____
e. Affirmative landlord/tenant judgments	\$ _____	\$ _____
f. Affirmative employment judgments	\$ _____	\$ _____
g. Affirmative consumer judgments	\$ _____	\$ _____
h. Affirmative educational benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
h. Other - Specify:		
(1) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
(2) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total:	\$0	\$0

Explanations and Examples: This table is for recording AFFIRMATIVE recoveries. As you will see in examples below, sums avoided should be listed in the "Dollars Savings for Clients" worksheet (see tab "I. Dollar Savings").

The amounts listed above should be Real and Quantifiable Benefits, for example:

- **Homesteading garnished monies:** the amount of money returned to the client - generally, this will be a *lump sum* recovery.
- **Obtaining specific services for a client:** the value of the services - this would be a *lump sum* recovery.
- **Obtained special education eligibility:** this would be the difference between the average annual cost in Virginia of public education per child and the average annual cost in Virginia of special education per child divided by 12. Generally, this would be a *monthly* recovery.
- **Reduced length of or avoided suspension or expulsion:** this would be the average annual cost of public education in Virginia, pro-rated for the time period the action was reduced or avoided - generally, this would be a *lump sum* recovery.
- **Preserved subsidized housing:** this would be the difference between the monthly market value of the unit and the tenant's monthly rent payment - generally, this will be on-going and would be listed as a *monthly* recovery.
- **Prevented termination of Medicaid services to a nursing home resident:** this would be the monthly cost of the nursing home and generally, this will be on-going and listed as a *monthly* recovery.

The above examples are not exhaustive. When in doubt - ASK!

Example that is NOT an affirmative recovery, but rather a dollar saving for client:

- **Debts discharged in bankruptcy:** The amount discharged would be a *lump sum avoidance*.