of the poverty line, as set forth in 42
U.S.C. 9902 (2).

(b) For applicants to become stipended Senior Companions, annual income is projected for the following 12
months, based on income at the time of
application. For serving stipended Sen-
ior Companions, annual income is
counted for the past 12 months. Annual
income includes the applicant or en-
rollee’s income and that of his/her
spouse, if the spouse lives in the same
residence. Sponsors shall count the
value of shelter, food, and clothing, if
provided at no cost by persons related
to the applicant, enrollee, or spouse.

(c) Allowable medical expenses are
annual out-of-pocket medical expenses
for health insurance premiums, health
care services, and medications provided
to the applicant, enrollee, or spouse
which were not and will not be paid by
Medicare, Medicaid, other insurance,
or other third party payor, and which
do not exceed 50 percent of the applica-
tible income guideline.

(d) Applicants whose income is not
more than 100 percent of the poverty
line shall be given special consider-
atation for enrollment.

(e) Once enrolled, a Senior Com-
panion shall remain eligible to serve
and to receive a stipend so long as his
or her income, does not exceed the ap-
plicable income eligibility guideline by
20 percent.

§ 2551.45 Is a Senior Companion a fed-
eral employee, an employee of the
sponsor or of the volunteer station?

Senior Companions are volunteers,
and are not employees of the sponsor,
the volunteer station, the Corporation,
or the Federal Government.

§ 2551.46 What cost reimbursements
are provided to Senior Compan-
ions?

Cost reimbursements include:

(a) Stipend. Senior Companions who
are income eligible will receive a sti-
pend in an amount determined by the
Corporation and payable in regular in-
stallments, to enable them to serve
without cost to themselves. The sti-
pend is paid for the time Senior Com-
panions spend with their assigned cli-
ents, for earned leave, and for attend-
ance at official project events.

(b) Insurance. A Senior Companion is
provided with the Corporation-speci-
fied minimum levels of insurance as
follows:

(1) Accident insurance. Accident insur-
ance covers Senior Companions for per-
sonal injury during travel between
their homes and places of assignment,
during their volunteer service, during