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**Item 00-04-02G**

CDSS ACL 00-18 -- March 3, 2000; and ACIN I-28-00 -- March 15, 2000 (Synopsis):  
Treatment of Census Income in CalWORKs and Food Stamps

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**Reference: MPP §§44-101.51, 44-113.2 and 63-502.13**

**ACL 00-18**

In CalWORKs, census earnings are not exempt income, but are treated as earned income. In food stamps, census income will be exempt for eligibility and benefit level purposes if the employment is temporary. The income exclusion period is from February 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

**ACIN I-28-00**

The majority of census jobs will last six to eight weeks although some jobs might last until August 2000. For those individuals who are expected to work for the census for six to eight weeks, counties are advised to suspend, rather than discontinue aid for a maximum of two months when income exceeds applicable limits due to census income

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**Item 00-04-02F**

CDSS ACL 00-13 -- February 20, 2000 (Synopsis): Net Income from Pensions and Similar Sources in CalWORKs

**Net Income from Pensions and Similar Sources in CalWORKs**

**Reference: MPP §44-113.32**

Deductions for required income tax payments from pensions and similar sources such as Social Security benefits, Unemployment Insurance Benefits and disability are allowable deductions when determining countable net income.

Required payments include mandatory Medicare deductions, attorney fee deductions required to receive the income and overpayment adjustment deductions. Payroll deductions resulting from other personal debts and garnishments are not considered required expenses. No deduction is allowed in determining countable income for payroll deductions that are not required expenses.

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