
Effective October 1, 2000, the MAP and MBSAC levels increase by 2.96%. In-kind income amounts are also increased by 2.96% effective October 1. Attached are charts for the MBSAC, MAP and In-kind income levels effective October 1, 2000.

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CDSS ACL 00-46 -- July 12, 2000 (Synopsis): Change of Date Asylees Are Eligible for Refugee Assistance

Change of Date Asylees Are Eligible for Refugee Assistance

Effective June 15, 2000, individuals who are granted asylum are now eligible for refugee assistance and services on the date asylum is granted. Previously, eligibility began with the month the asylee first arrived in the United States.

Documents that confirm the date asylum was granted include an I-94 arrival/departure card noting that the individual has been admitted (granted asylum) under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); an I-94 with admission codes AS-1, AS-2 or AS-3; an order of an immigration judge granting asylum under section 208 of the INA; an I-94 arrival/departure card with code V-93; or an asylum approval letter from an INS asylum office.

This policy change may be particularly important to asylees applying for Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) or Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA). For example, if an individual enters the United States on December 1, 2000 as a tourist and is granted asylum on August 1, 2001, the individual's date of entry is August 1, 2001. It is not December 1, 2000 as would have been the case prior to this policy change.

The individual if otherwise eligible could receive RCA or RMA for eight months from August 2001 through March 2002. Prior to this policy change, the individual would have been ineligible for either RCA or RMA as of August 1, 2001 because his/her entry date would have been December 1, 2000 and the eight month eligibility period for those programs would have expired as of August 1, 2001.

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CDSS ACL 00-45 -- July 13, 2000 (Synopsis): Pregnancy Special Needs Payments

Pregnancy Special Needs Payments

Reference: W&IC §11450; MPP §§44-211.63 and .64

Effective immediately, a CalWORKs recipient is eligible for a pregnancy special need payment as soon as she provides medical verification of pregnancy. Eligibility will continue for the duration of the pregnancy. The CalWORKs recipient may thus receive the pregnancy special need payment in the early months of pregnancy. Regulations will be modified to reflect this change.

A sanctioned or penalized pregnant woman is not entitled to the pregnancy special need payment

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CDSS ACL 00-43 -- July 7, 2000 (Synopsis): Food Stamp Exclusion of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Vendor Payments for Housing

Food Stamp Exclusion of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Vendor Payments for Housing

MPP §63-502.2 refers to vendor payments that are excluded as income. The federal Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is revising current federal regulations to include as exempt income any housing assistance provided through a state or local housing authority paid directly to a vendor on behalf of a household. MPP §63-502.2(b)(2) will be revised to reflect this revision.

Housing assistance payments received by the household are counted as unearned income per MPP §63-502.141.

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CDSS ACL 00-42 -- June 26, 2000 (Synopsis): 2000 Regional Market Rate Ceilings

2000 Regional Market Rate Ceilings

This ACL provides the 2000 Regional Market Rate ceilings for California child care providers and institutions to use with the Regional Market Rate listing.

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CDSS ACL 00-40 -- June 19, 2000 (Synopsis): Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Regulations