
If a child care provider includes transportation to and from school as part of the child care rate, transportation is fully covered by the CalWORKs child care payment and is subject to the Regional Market Rate (RMR).

Transportation is one area where the county has discretion in the design and provision of services. This ACL reminds counties to develop written policies and procedures as required by MPP §11-501.3 if it chooses to adopt specific standards. This ACL advises that written policies and procedures must contain sufficient details so that the county criteria can be clearly understood.

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Item 00-09-01I

CDSS ACL 00-51 -- August 3, 2000 (Synopsis): Community Service Requirement in CalWORKs

Community Service Requirement in CalWORKs

Reference: ACL 99-111

This ACL reminds counties that they are required to include a community service component as part of their county plan. The authority for this requirement is W&IC §11322.9 and MPP §42-780.12.

Adult recipients required to participate in WTW who have received CalWORKs for the applicable 18 or 24 month period, and are not working a sufficient amount of hours to meet the WTW participation requirement, must participate in community service and/or unsubsidized employment in order to continue to receive CalWORKs.

As of the date of this ACL, the CDSS had received a community service plan for review and certification from less than half the counties.

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CDSS ACL 00-50 -- July 31, 2000 (Synopsis): Increases to Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) Levels

Increases to Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) Levels

Reference: Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) §§11450, 11452 and 11453

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