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For example, if the blue book value for a car with above average mileage and minor body damage is \$10,000, the claimant may present a statement from a John Smith, owner of Honest John's repair shop estimating that the value of Max Claimant's 1995 Honda Accord is valued at \$5500 because it needs \$3000 in repairs for body damage to the front left side of the car and an additional \$1500 in engine work. (i.e., \$10,000-\$3000-\$1500=\$5500.)

Q13. The claimant contends that a car is in less than average condition, but she cannot afford to get an estimate because auto dealers or repair shops will charge her \$25 for verification of the value of the vehicle. Is the county responsible to pay for an estimate?

A13. Perhaps. If a claimant is unable to afford to pay for verification of the value of a vehicle from a reliable source, the claimant may choose to bring in newspaper classified ads for a comparable vehicle with comparable mileage and in comparable condition. If that or other evidence is not available or sufficient, however, the county may be obligated under W&I Code §11275.10(a) and MPP §40-126.332 to assist the claimant to obtain that third party information and to pay any fees charged by the third party for that information.

Q14. In pertinent part, §63-501.53 states that unlicensed vehicles shall be evaluated for equity value only. What is an unlicensed vehicle?

A14. An unlicensed vehicle is one where the owner has not paid the most recent annual license fee.

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**Reference: MPP §63-405.43**

In 2000, the amount of earnings needed to earn one quarter of coverage (credit) is \$780. A noncitizen who does not meet other criteria for food stamp eligibility needs to have 40 credits in order to establish food stamp eligibility. Attached is a quarter of coverage chart that provides the amount of earnings needed per quarter in each year since 1975 to earn one credit. (see also paraphrased regulations 232-4 through 232-4D)

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