
Other statements in this ACL include:

"County Welfare Departments must ensure that their contractors provide meaningful access to WTW activities and services. Provisions of MPP §21-115 apply regardless of the counties' use of contractors."

"Forms and other written material that the county uses for the provision of WTW services must be available at all local offices and offered to an applicant/recipient in the individual's primary language, when translated versions of these materials are provided by CDSS."

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CDSS ACL 01-24 -- April 2, 2001 (Synopsis): Implementation of Food Stamp Regulation Changes

Implementation of Food Stamp Regulation Changes

On November 21, 2000, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued final rules amending certain food stamp regulations. The primary changes were to regulations concerning vehicles and noncitizens. A summary of those changes is as follows:

- Any licensed or unlicensed vehicle is an inaccessible resource if its equity value is \$1500 or less. Once the vehicle is evaluated, it does not need to be reevaluated until the next recertification. One licensed vehicle per adult household member is excluded from the equity value test. Also, one licensed vehicle is excluded from the equity value test for any household member under age 18 if the vehicle is used to drive to work, school, job training, or to look for work. (see also ACL 01-29 regarding implementation of federal vehicle rules).
- Sponsorship support requirements are extended from three years to lifetime for food stamp purposes. The sponsor's support requirement ends if the noncitizen has 40 qualifying quarters, or becomes a U.S. citizen. The income and resources of the sponsor's spouse are no longer attributed to the sponsored noncitizen unless the spouse has signed the sponsorship agreement.
- Households with self-employment earnings may now choose between claiming actual costs of producing self-employment income or taking a 40% deduction from gross earned income.
- The face-to-face interview is waived for households containing all disabled or elderly members with no earned income.

These regulations are effective June 1, 2001. Draft emergency regulations are attached to this ACL. However, approved emergency regulation ORD #0301-03 modified these regulations. The regulations in ORD #0301-03 should be cited instead of those attached to this ACL. (See also ACIN I-49-01 that explains the changes to the draft emergency regulations that are incorporated into the final emergency regulations).

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Item 01-07-01C

CDSS ACL 01-17 March 2, 2001 (Synopsis): Food Stamp Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) Increase

Food Stamp Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) Increase

Effective April 1, 2001, the SUA was increased from \$170 to \$203 monthly. This new SUA applies to all April 2001 food stamp allotments.

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CDSS ACL 01-16 -- March 2, 2001 (Synopsis): *Kehrer v. Saenz* Court Order

***Kehrer v. Saenz* Court Order**

Child support payments from the absent parent of a Maximum Family Grant (MFG) child, whether paid directly to the aided family or to the District Attorney are exempt from consideration as income in CalWORKs cases subject to the MFG rule. Also, derivative benefits from Social Security or other government benefit based on the absent parent's disability or retirement and paid to or on behalf of an MFG child are exempt if they satisfy some or all of the absent parent's child support obligation.

Prior to *Kehrer*, CDSS did not exempt such income. These changes became effective with April 1, 2001 grant payments and eligibility determinations. MPP §44-314.62 was modified effective July 1, 2001 to reflect these changes.

While the regulation is effective July 1, the policy is effective April 1.

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CDSS ACL 01-15 -- February 28, 2001 (Synopsis): *Domenika v. Saenz* Court Order