
This ACWDL expands the definition of public and private disability benefits that qualify as disability income. Public disability payments are those that are paid under statute or other law which require a finding of disability before payment is authorized. Examples include Social Security, permanent worker's compensation, Veteran's benefits and disability-based Railroad Retirement.

Private disability benefits are those paid by a private entity that are made due to a disability, and usually paid by the individual's insurer under a disability insurance plan which the individual purchased through premiums.

Temporary Worker's Compensation (TWC) and State Disability Insurance (SDI) are treated as earned income and not disability income for §1931(b) purposes. Therefore, for purposes of determining §1931(b) eligibility under the alternative B test, the MFBU is not entitled to the \$240 deduction from TWC or SDI.

*California Department of Social Services - State Hearings Division
Notes from the Training Bureau - August 13, 2003*

Item 03-08-04C

ACWDL 03-34 June 19, 2003 (Synopsis): Changes in the Income Disregard Program for Pregnant Women

Effective immediately, all income from a parent of a pregnant minor is disregarded if the pregnant minor lives with the parent for purposes of determining if the minor qualifies for the 200% disregard program if the minor is not using regular Medi-Cal rules. Only the net nonexempt income of the pregnant minor, the spouse of the unborn and the father of the unborn are counted.

*California Department of Social Services - State Hearings Division
Notes from the Training Bureau - August 13, 2003*

Item 03-08-04B

ACWDL 03-28 May 14, 2003 (Synopsis): 2003/2004 Family Member Maximum Base Allocation Amount

Effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, the family-member base allocation amount for a family member living with the community spouse of a Medi-Cal beneficiary in Long Term Care is \$1515. The family-member maximum base allocation amount is used to determine how much money the LTC beneficiary may allocate to family members for the purpose of reducing the share of cost.

*California Department of Social Services - State Hearings Division
Notes from the Training Bureau - August 13, 2003*

Item 03-08-04A

ACWDL 03-26 May 8, 2003 (Synopsis): Safe Arms For Newborns Law