

ASSISTANCE DOG SPECIAL ALLOWANCE (ADSA) PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

What?

The Assistance Dog Special Allowance (ADSA) Program provides a monthly payment to eligible persons who use a guide, signal, or service dog to help them with their disability-related needs. The allowance is to help pay the costs of food, grooming, and health care for the dogs.

Who?

To be eligible for the ADSA program, an individual must meet **all four** of the following criteria:



I

Lives in California



II

Is blind, deaf, hard of hearing, or disabled



III

Uses the services of a trained guide, signal, or service dog



IV

Receives benefits from one or more of these programs:

- SSI – Supplemental Security Income
- SSP – State Supplementary Payment
- IHSS – In-Home Supportive Services
- SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI recipients must also meet federal poverty guidelines)
- CAPI – Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants

How?

To obtain an application or more information about the ADSA program, contact:

California Department of Social Services

Office of Services to the Blind

744 P Street, MS 9-7-96

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**The Laws and Regulations Governing this Program Are:
Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 12553 and 12554
CDSS Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 46-430
www.cdss.ca.gov/getinfo/pdf/eas14.pdf**