

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide**

Basic Requirements	Number	Page
	99-101.1	1 of 2

A. Background:

Eligibility requirements for CAPI are the same as for SSI/SSP, except for citizen/non-citizen status.

B. Policy:

An individual is ...	If he/she is ...
eligible for CAPI,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A non-citizen and meets the appropriate immigration status provisions described in 99-101.2 • Age 65 or over; blind or disabled of any age, as defined for SSI/SSP purposes • Ineligible for SSI/SSP solely due to his/her immigration status, but meets all other current SSI/SSP eligibility, except as modified by CAPI regulations • A current resident of California • Under the income and resource limits
Ineligible for CAPI,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a resident of a public institution (for example, jail, prison, VA hospital) for an entire month • Flees to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement after conviction for a felony under the laws of the place from which the person flees • Violates a condition of probation or parole imposed under federal or state law • Is outside of the U.S. for an entire calendar month • Fails to file for all other available benefits

1. Ineligible for SSI/SSP:

To be eligible for CAPI, an individual must be ineligible for SSI/SSP solely due to his/her immigration status (see 99-107 regarding requirements to apply for SSI/SSP). This ineligibility must be verified by one of the following:

- Formal or informal denial letter or verbal confirmation from SSA issued after August 1, 1998 and within six months of the CAPI application that states the person is ineligible for SSI/SSP due to immigration status
- Screen print from MEDS, indicating the N13 alien denial status
- Verification that the applicant is not a Qualified Alien

2. CAPI Eligibility Pending SSI Decision:

An otherwise eligible individual may qualify for CAPI if verification is obtained that a current SSI/SSP application is pending a final determination. This would also include a pending appeal if the issue under appeal is related to the applicant's disability or immigration status. If an individual's SSI denial is based on a finding of "not disabled," he/she must appeal that decision. The SSI Advocate can obtain information from SSI on a particular case with a signed release of information from the individual. Use the SSI Advocacy Services Communication Form, 13-1 HHSA, to refer applicants/recipients to the SSI Advocate, as appropriate, for assistance in applying for SSI or filing an appeal of an SSI determination.

C. Procedure:

None.

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide**

Basic Requirements

Number

99-101.1

Page

2 of 2

Other Program Impacts:

None.

References:

MPP 49-010

ACL 98-82

ACIN 36-05

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 03/31/2019

Release Date:

3/23/2016