

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

Suspension/Termination of Benefits

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Revision Date:

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Background:

This section provides information regarding the suspension and termination of CAPI payments.

Purpose:

To provide the policy for suspension and termination of CAPI benefits.

Policy:

1. Suspension of Benefits:

Suspension of benefit payments is a stoppage of CAPI benefits. It is always effective the first day of a month in which an individual no longer meets all eligibility requirements. Enter a Case Comment of the period of suspense, which is 12 consecutive months after the effective date of the suspension. Overpayment collection procedures may apply (see 99-109).

2. Reasons for Suspension:

Suspend a recipient's CAPI benefit when the recipient:

- Has income in the budget month, which exceeds the appropriate payment standard in the payment month
- Fails to provide proof of application for SSI/SSP benefits or fails to take all necessary steps to obtain SSI/SSP
- Becomes eligible for SSI/SSP
- Fails to cooperate or provide requested information within 30 days of the worker's written request for information or documentation
- Is a resident of a public institution for an entire calendar month
- Is no longer a California resident
- Has resources which exceed the allowable limit
- Is fleeing to avoid prosecution for a felony or is violating a condition of probation or parole
- Fails to file for all other possible benefits.

3. Reinstatement of Benefits after Suspension:

An individual has 12 consecutive months after the effective date of the suspension to regain eligibility and have benefits reinstated without having to file a new application. Provide the individual a redetermination packet. The individual must complete these forms and submit any other required verifications (except evidence of age, disability, or blindness) to re-establish eligibility. Reinstatement payments to such recipients effective with the first day he/she meets all eligibility requirements.

4. Termination of Benefits:

Termination of eligibility is an event that requires an individual to file a new application to receive CAPI benefits. Terminate or discontinue a CAPI case when the recipient:

- Has had CAPI benefits suspended for 12 consecutive months
- Becomes a U.S. citizen (unless he/she requests Conditional CAPI after Naturalization)
- Dies
- Under age 65 is no longer blind or disabled
- Asks to voluntarily terminate his/her CAPI benefits.

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Require the recipient to file a new application to re-establish eligibility following termination, unless there is a favorable appeal decision.

Procedure:

Follow the actions in the policies above for suspending/terminating CAPI benefits.

Program Impact/s:

None.

References:

MPP 49-060

ACL 98-82

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 07/31/2019.

Approval for Release:



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