

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

**Eligibility for Other Benefits**

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**Revision Date:**

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**Background:**

This section provides information regarding eligibility for other benefits to evaluate CAPI recipients.

**Purpose:**

To provide information regarding eligibility for other benefits for CAPI recipients.

**Policy:**

**1. SSI/SSP:**

CAPI is for individuals or couples who are ineligible for SSI/SSP solely due to their immigration status. Some people who apply for CAPI may be potentially eligible for SSI/SSP. All CAPI applicants are required to apply for and be denied SSI/SSP before granting CAPI.

Refer all applicants who appear to be or allege to be disabled to the SSI Advocate by using form 13-1 HHSA if the denial was for not disabled. The SSI Advocate will follow up with the appeal of such a denial.

If the recipient is determined to be potentially eligible for SSI/SSP while receiving CAPI, refer him/her to apply for SSI/SSP. The recipient must apply for SSI/SSP within 30 days of the referral, regardless of any previous determination by SSA. Failure to apply within 30 days of the referral will result in case discontinuance. Once SSI/SSP application is verified and during the SSI/SSP application period, the individual must comply with all SSI/SSP requirements or have the case closed for non-compliance. Aid can continue while the application is pending, as long as the individual is cooperative.

Extend the 30-day period, if it is determined that a good reason exists.

**2. Other Available Benefits:**

Refer applicants/recipients to file within 30 days for any other benefit for which they may be potentially eligible. If the individual fails to apply for the benefit within 30 days of being informed to do so, deny or discontinue the case, unless there is a good reason to extend the 30-day period. Filing for other benefits includes cooperating with the other agency by providing all requested information and evidence.

Other benefits include payments available to the individual on an ongoing or one-time basis, such as:

- Title II or Social Security
- Veterans' Benefits
- Worker's Compensation or Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- Disability benefits
- Annuities
- Pensions
- Retirement benefits.

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**3. IHSS:**

Individuals eligible to CAPI may qualify for IHSS. If the individual appears to need the services provided by IHSS, refer to the AIS Hotline.

**4. Medi-Cal:**

A CAPI eligible individual may receive Medi-Cal, if otherwise eligible. There is no categorical linkage to Medi-Cal and the individual must apply separately. It is recommended that a CAPI applicant also apply for Medi-Cal at the same time. Individuals who wish to apply for CAPI and Medi-Cal must complete the Statement of Facts for each program. The procedures for disability evaluations for CAPI are the same as those used for Medi-Cal. CAPI payments are considered as other public assistance.

**5. CalFresh:**

There is no categorical linkage with the CalFresh program. A CAPI recipient may be eligible for CalFresh when he/she meets CalFresh eligibility criteria. A separate CalFresh application is required, unless the individual is a member of an existing CalFresh household. Concurrent applications, when applicable, result in a more efficient process.

A CAPI individual who is a member of an existing CalFresh household must meet be included as an eligible member of that CalFresh household if he/she meets eligibility requirements. CAPI income must be included in the CalFresh budget if the CAPI recipient receives CalFresh.

**6. General Relief (GR):**

There is no GR eligibility for a CAPI recipient. GR may be issued, if otherwise eligible, pending a CAPI eligibility determination. See 99-108.1.B.6 regarding repayment of GR benefits from retroactive CAPI payments.

**7. CalWORKs:**

Ineligible CalWORKs parents or children may be CAPI eligible. CAPI payments are treated the same as SSI payments and are excluded from CalWORKs.

**8. Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA):**

Individuals who are ineligible to RCA are to be evaluated for SSI/SSP before CAPI eligibility. Due to the time limits for RCA and immigration status, it is highly unlikely an individual receiving RCA will qualify for CAPI. RCA would treat CAPI benefits the same as SSI benefits.

**9. Citizenship:**

Assist individuals to obtain citizenship by making referrals to the USCIS for citizenship courses, etc. and by assisting in completion of required citizenship documents. Assisting in completion of documents does not include actually preparing those documents.

**Procedure:**

Follow the actions in the policies above to ensure that the case file has the required documentation.

**Program Impact/s:**

None.

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