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CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS PROGRAM GUIDE LETTER NO. 2

SUBJECT: NEW CAPI PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR 2002

Effective Date: January 1, 2002

References: WIC 18941, AB 2779, ACIN I -98-01

1. Purpose

This Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide Letter is to notify staff of revised payment standards for CAPI. A vertical line in the right margin of the attached pages indicates changes.

2. Background

In August of 1998, Assembly Bill (AB) 2779 established the CAPI program, which is founded on Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) eligibility criteria. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18941 requires that the CAPI payment standard is based on the SSI/SSP payment standards, minus \$10.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a couple. All County Information Notice No. I-98-01 notifies counties that the new CAPI payment standards for 2002 are a result of a state 5.31 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for SSI/SSP, effective January 1, 2002.

3. Increased CAPI Payment Standards and Other Values

The new payment standards are included in Appendix G-4 of the CAPI Program Guide.

In addition, the separate federal SSI COLA affects the following three values that can impact CAPI eligibility and benefit amounts:

Variable Value	Current Amount	New Amount, As of 1/1/02	Enter Amount, When Appropriate, on Form . . .
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presumed Maximum Value (PMV) of the In-Kind Support and Maintenance	Individual: \$196.66 Couple: \$285.33	Individual: \$201.66 Couple: \$292.33	SOC 452, Income Eligibility Worksheet, line A.1.b.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allowance for Ineligible Children in Deeming Situations (i.e., deeming income from an ineligible spouse)	\$266.00	\$272.00	SOC 452, Income Eligibility Worksheet, line B.2.a.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sponsor's Allocation in Alien Deeming Situations	\$530.00	\$545.00	SOC 454, Sponsor to Alien Deeming Worksheet, line 2.

Advance notification of the new payment standards and other changed values was provided to the Mission Valley Family Resource Center on November 27, 2001.

4. Automation Impact

None.

5. Forms Impact

None.

6. Appeals/Quality Control Impact (QC)

At this time, the California Department of Social Services has not specified a QC requirement for CAPI. Appeals will be handled through the usual state hearing process.

7. Food Stamp Impact

CAPI payments must be treated in accordance with Food Stamp Program Guide 63-256.2. All assistance payments must be prospectively budgeted. Households that do not meet the income limits in a future month must be discontinued as soon as timely notice can be given.

8. Medi-Cal Impact

Since CAPI payments are considered public assistance income and therefore exempt for Medi-Cal budgeting purposes, do not count CAPI when determining the share of cost.

9. Filing Instructions

Remove :	Replace with attached:
Pages 7 through 11 from the CAPI Program Guide Chapter 99-103, Income	Pages 7 through 11
Appendices G-3 and H (with GRPG footer)	Appendices G-3, G-4 and H (with CAPI PG footer)

Note: Appendix G-3 is included as a backing page to the new Appendix G-4 and Appendix H is being issued as a separate page.

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