Issue Date:
2/18/2015

Effective Date:
January 1, 2015

Background:
CAPI payment standards are based on the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP) standards, minus $10 for an individual and $20 for a couple.

Annually, there is a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for SSI and CAPI. COLA instructions have been delayed due to the overdue release of instructions from the State Department of Social Services (DSS).

Purpose:
To provide the CAPI payment standards effective January 2015.

Policy:
There is a COLA for SSI effective January 1, 2015. There is also a CAPI COLA effective January 1, 2015.

Procedure:
The CAPI Payment Standards have been updated (Attachment A).

In addition to the payment standard changes, the following amounts are also changed effective January 1, 2015:

Variable Value	Previous Amount	Amount as of 1/1/15
Presumed Maximum Value (PMV) of the In-Kind Support and Maintenance (ISM)	Individual: $260.33 Couple: $380.67	Individual: $264.33 Couple: $386.67
Allowance for Ineligible Children in Deeming Situations (for example, deeming income from an ineligible spouse)	$361.00	$367.00
Sponsor's Allocation in Alien Deeming Situations	$721.00	$733.00
Allowance for Parent(s) in Parent-to-Child Deeming Situations	One parent: $721.00 Two parents: $1,082.00	One parent: $733.00 Two parents: $1,100.00

A situation arises when one spouse receives SSI/SSP and the other receives CAPI. The SSI/SSP benefit is counted as income for the couple using a payment standard that is $10 less than the couple's SSI/SSP payment standard. However, the required result of a payment $10 less than

SSI/SSP does not occur if the SSI income is counted using the normal retrospective budget in the month of a COLA and the following month. Therefore, a workaround was sent separately to the FRCs by Eligibility Operations with a list of cases affected by this situation. Workers are to resolve the cases on the list to correct the CAPI payment for the month after the COLA occurred and for the subsequent month.

Impact/s:

Automation

The CAPI COLA ran the weekend of December 6, 2014. All reports from the COLA were issued by Automation separately with instructions.

Programs Affected:

CalFresh

CAPI grant adjustments due to COLA and CAPI Payment Standard changes will be treated in the CalFresh case according to Semi-Annual Reporting/Prospective Budget (SAR/PB) regulations.

CAPI payments are considered Public Assistance (PA) income. The actual monthly CAPI grant amount must be used each month to compute CalFresh benefits.

Changes to PA benefits are considered "Known-to-County" information. The worker will budget the new or updated CAPI grant amount and review for possible CalFresh benefit increases or decreases. CalFresh benefits will be increased if the calculation indicates such an increase. CalFresh benefits will be decreased the first of the month for which timely notice can be provided if the calculation indicates such a decrease.

Refer to CalFresh Program Guide Letter # 586 (page 12 of 17).

References:

- All-County Information Notices (ACIN):
  - I-81-04
  - I-68-14
- All County Letter 99-13
- Welfare and Institutions Code 18941

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by January 31, 2016.

Approval for Release:

2-18-15

Rick Wanne, Director
Eligibility Operations

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015
BASED ON JANUARY 2015 SSI/SSP STANDARDS

	INDEPENDENT LIVING			REDUCED NEEDS			NON-MEDICAL OUT-OF-HOME CARE (NMOHC)					
	RESIDING IN OWN HOUSEHOLD			HOUSEHOLD OF ANOTHER WITH IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD			HOUSEHOLD OF RELATIVE WITH IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD AND CERTIFIED NMOHC			IN LICENSED FACILITY OR HOUSEHOLD OF RELATIVE WITHOUT IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD		
	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP	**TOTAL CAPI**		TOTAL SSI/SSP	**TOTAL CAPI**		TOTAL SSI/SSP	**TOTAL CAPI**		TOTAL SSI/SSP
INDIVIDUAL:												
AGED OR DISABLED	**879.40**		889.40	**638.50**		648.50	**885.67**		895.67	**1,135.00**		1,145.00
- without cooking facilities (RMA)*	**963.40**		973.40	**N/A**		N/A	**N/A**		N/A	**N/A**		N/A
BLIND	**934.40**		944.40	**693.50**		703.50	**885.67**		895.67	**1,135.00**		1,145.00
DISABLED MINOR												
- living with parent(s)	**786.40**		796.40	**545.50**		555.50	**NA**		NA	**NA**		NA
- living with non-parent relative or non-relative guardian							**885.67**		884.67	**1,135.00**		1,145.00
COUPLE:	**BOTH CAPI**	ONE CAPI, ONE SSI	BOTH SSI/SSP	**BOTH CAPI**	ONE CAPI, ONE SSI	BOTH SSI/SSP	**BOTH CAPI**	ONE CAPI, ONE SSI	BOTH SSI/SSP	**BOTH CAPI**	ONE CAPI, ONE SSI	BOTH SSI/SSP
AGED OR DISABLED												
- per couple	**1,476.20**	1,486.20	1,496.20	**1,114.67**	1,124.67	1,134.67	**1,759.00**	1,769.00	1,779.00	**2,270.00**	2,280.00	2,290.00
- without cooking facilities (RMA)*	**1,644.20**	1,654.20	1,664.20	**N/A**	N/A	N/A	**N/A**	N/A	N/A	**N/A**	N/A	N/A
BLIND												
- per couple	**1,623.20**	1,633.20	1,643.20	**1,261.67**	1,271.67	1,281.67	**1,759.00**	1,769.00	1,779.00	**2,270.00**	2,280.00	2,290.00
BLIND/AGED OR DISABLED												
- per couple	**1,567.20**	1,577.20	1,587.20	**1,205.67**	1,215.67	1,225.67	**1,759.00**	1,769.00	1,779.00	**2,270.00**	2,280.00	2,290.00

Presumed Maximum Value (PMV)

Individual: 264.33

Couple: 386.67

TITLE XIX MEDICAL FACILITY

	Individual	Couple
Total CAPI _____	$40	$80
SSI/SSP _____	50	100

* RMA – Restaurant Meals Allowance - $84 Individual; $168 Couple

Sponsor Allocation: 733.00 Allowance for Ineligible Children 367.00 Allowance for Parent(s)

One Parent: 733.00

Two Parents: 1100.00

ATTACHMENT A