

## 90-400.10. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

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**A.  
General**

This section provides information on the requirements regarding PA benefits in the GR Program.

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**B.  
Policy**

All applicants who may potentially be eligible for PA benefits shall be required to apply for such benefits. PA benefits include income from Federal or State self-sufficiency programs such as CalWORKs, Refugee Assistance Program (RAP), Cuban/Haitian Entrance Program (CHEP), and SSI, whose eligibility requirements are based upon need, rather than conditioned upon some type of prior contribution (for example, UIB, SDI, etc.)

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**C.  
GR from  
another  
County or  
State**

GR or General Assistance (GA) benefits received in another County or State shall be counted as income in the month of payment. Payments mailed by another County or State shall be presumed to have been received by the applicant, absent evidence to the contrary.

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**D.  
CalWORKs  
Benefits**

- All applicants who may be potentially eligible for CalWORKs shall be required to apply for such benefits prior to application for GR. Basic deprivation factors for linkage to CalWORKs include at least one parent (or stepparent) and a child (or unborn) in the home for which:
    - either parent of the child is deceased
    - either parent of the child is physically or mentally incapacitated
    - either parent of the child is continually absent from the home in which the child is living
    - the primary wage earner parent of the child is unemployed.
  - Eligibility of children (not unborns) in CalWORKs is limited to age 17. Children age 18 may be eligible for inclusion only if the parent or stepparent chooses to include the 18 year old child and the 18 year old child is:
    - not a high school graduate
    - attending high school or vocational/technical training program full time (as defined by the school)
    - expected (by the school) to complete high school or vocational training before reaching age 19.
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### CalWORKs Benefits (continued)

- There is no CalWORKs eligibility for 19 and 20 year old children and there is no CalWORKs eligibility for the father of a CalWORKs unborn child, if there are no other common children in the case. However, CalWORKs shall be a resource for the father when the child is born.
- CalWORKs family groups in which deprivation exists shall be ineligible for GR. CalWORKs families who have been discontinued or denied CalWORKs because of non-cooperation, receipt of a lump sum payment, receipt of excess income or property, receipt of Foster Care payments for related children, receipt of a sanction from the CalWORKs program, or voluntary exclusion, shall also be ineligible for GR.
- The pregnant woman/minors, with no other CalWORKs eligible children, are potentially eligible to CalWORKs starting three months prior to the expected month of birth. Potential eligibility to GR may exist for the first five months of pregnancy.
- A referral to CalWORKs shall not be required if the parent has had a court ordered or service placement of the only child outside the home. If the only child has been voluntarily placed outside the home by the parent (without court order or services evaluation), GR shall be denied and CalWORKs shall be presumed to be a resource unless:
  - the child has been placed outside of San Diego County
  - the child is in need of protection or thought to be at risk of injury if reunited with the parent. The worker shall use available sources such as the Child Protective Services (CPS) Social Worker, the in-house Social Worker, and/or documentation in the case file to determine if a child is at risk. All steps taken in the determination process are to be documented in the Case Comments.
  - the client resides in a certified substance abuse facility.
- If the only child of a parent receives SSI, CalWORKs may be an available resource to the parent and a referral shall be made to CalWORKs, if other linkage factors are met.

There is no GR eligibility pending the approval or denial of CalWORKs benefits.

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**E.  
RAP/CHEP  
Benefits**

Refugees/Entrants who are eligible for CalWORKs, may be eligible for RAP/CHEP benefits only if they are within their first eight months in the U.S. and meet other eligibility requirements. Refugees/Entrants within their first eight months shall be ineligible for GR. These persons are to be referred to the Kearny Mesa FRC to apply for benefits available to Refugees/Entrants.

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**F.  
SSI Benefits**

Refer to [GRPG 90-400.9](#).

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