

90-800.1. INTERIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IAP) POLICY AND CATEGORIES

A. General This section provides information regarding the general IAP policy and the IAP categories.

B. Policy GR applicants and recipients who are considered potentially eligible for aid under the SSI/SSP program or CAPI must apply for aid under that program as a condition of receiving GR. If the individual is granted SSI or CAPI, he/she must accept such aid and the GR case will close. An individual who has applied for SSI, but has not provided proof of age or medical documentation of a potentially qualifying disability or is not active to SSI Advocacy Services shall not be considered in the IAP.

C. IAP Eligibility GR applicants/recipients who have applied for SSI/SSP shall be aided, if otherwise eligible for GR, under the IAP, pending an eligibility determination for SSI or CAPI. Applicants or recipients referred for SSI Advocacy Services shall be aided under IAP, whether they have completed an application for SSI or not at the time of GR application. SSI Advocates will assist referred individuals in completing the necessary applications for SSI and provide communication back to the worker on the status of the SSI application and SSI Advocacy Services under the requirements of the SSI Advocacy Services contract. Upon notification of termination of SSI Advocacy Services, an individual will no longer be considered as part of the IAP.

D. Authorization for Reimbursement Workers must ensure that each case contains a current Authorization for Reimbursement of Interim Assistance Initial Payment or Initial Posteligibility Payment (SSP 14 – see [Appendix A](#)). The Authorization for Reimbursement must be signed and dated by both the applicant/recipient, as well as by the worker.

E. Application for Medi-Cal IAP applicants/recipients must also apply for Medi-Cal and cooperate with the Medi-Cal application process in order to remain eligible for IAP. If the individual does not comply with this requirement, then the IAP case must be discontinued with timely notice.

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F. IAP Categories

Any individual falling under the categories noted below shall be identified as part of the IAP. He/she must comply with the IAP as a condition of aid. The rules in the table below apply.

If an individual is potentially ...	Then a(n) ...
SSI eligible,	SSI application must be completed. The individual shall be referred to SSI Advocacy Services and must cooperate with the program to retain GR eligibility, pending the completion of the SSI determination. See 90-800.3 on SSI Advocacy Services.
CAPI eligible due to non-citizen status,	CAPI application must be filed. For CAPI individuals who may qualify for SSI based on disability/blindness or a combination of age and disability, an SSI application must be completed.

G. Citizen/Non-Citizen Status

The individual must meet citizen/non-citizen criteria established under H.R. 3734, Title IV, Section 402(a)(2) and subsequent revisions, which have reestablished eligibility for some non-citizens and extended eligibility for others. To be potentially SSI eligible, the individual must be a:

- US citizen, including naturalization, or American Indian born in Canada or member of a federally recognized tribe
- legal non-citizen residing in the U.S. and receiving SSI on 8/22/96
- refugee or asylee within seven years following entry into the U.S.
- non-citizen immigrant with deportation withheld
- legal permanent resident non-citizen with 40 work quarters
- legal non-citizen military veteran/active duty personnel or spouse/child of living or deceased military veteran/active duty personnel
- legal permanent resident non-citizen residing in the U.S. prior to 8/22/96 and meeting disability/blindness criteria
- Cuban/Haitian Entrant if immigration status granted in last seven years or meets the first seven points, above

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- Amerasian immigrant
- parolee for at least one year if meeting any of the first seven points, above
- granted indefinite stay of deportation
- conditional entrant admitted to U.S. before 4/1/80.

Refer to the chart in [CAPI PG 99-101.2.F](#), which contains a chart of various citizen/non-citizen statuses for linkage to SSI and [CAPI PG 99-101.2.G](#), which provides non-citizen status verification requirements.

H. Disability/Blindness

To be considered potentially disabled for SSI purposes, an individual must:

- have or be expected to have a disability that prevents ability to work for 12 months or longer or meet the presumptive disability criteria noted in 10, below; or
- be blind; and
- have medical verification of the potentially qualifying disability/blindness.

Note: Also see [90-800.3](#) on SSI Advocacy Services on when to refer an individual for SSI Advocacy Services for those not meeting the 12 month or longer term of disability criterion.

I. Presumptive Disability Criteria

The table below shows the presumptive disability criteria.

No.	Impairment Categories
1	OBSOLETE – Reserved for future use.
2	Amputation of a leg at the hip.
3	Allegation of total deafness.
4	Allegation of total blindness.
5	Allegation of bed confinement or immobility without a wheelchair, walker, or crutches, due to a longstanding condition – exclude recent accident and recent surgery.

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No.	Impairment Categories
6	Allegation of a stroke (cerebral vascular accident) more than 3 months in the past and continued marked difficulty in walking or using a hand or arm.
7	Allegation of cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy or muscle atrophy and marked difficulty in walking (e.g., use of braces), speaking or coordination of the hands or arms.
8	OBSOLETE – Reserved for future use.
9	<p>Allegation of Down Syndrome.</p> <p>NOTE: Down Syndrome may be characterized by some indication of mental retardation and by abnormal development of the skull (lateral upward slope of the eyes, small ears, protruded tongue, short nose with a flat ridge, small and frequently abnormally aligned teeth); short arms and legs; and hands and feet that tend to be broad and flat.</p>
10	<p>Allegation of severe mental deficiency made by another individual filing on behalf of a client who is at least 7 years of age.</p> <p>For example, a mother filing for benefits for her child states that the child attends (or attended) a special school, or special classes in school, because of mental deficiency, or is unable to attend any type of school (or if beyond school age, was unable to attend), and requires care and supervision of routine daily activities.</p> <p>NOTE: “Mental deficiency” means mental retardation. This PD category pertains to individuals whose dependence upon others for meeting personal care needs (e.g., hygiene) and in doing other routine daily activities (e.g., fastening a seat belt) grossly exceeds age-appropriate dependence as a result of mental retardation.</p>
11	A child is under one year and the birth certificate or other evidence (e.g., hospital admission summary) shows a weight below 1200 grams (2 pounds 10 ounces) at birth.

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Presumptive Disability Criteria
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12	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Applicant must meet HIV PD conditions listed on DHS 7035A or DHS 7035C, which are completed by a medical professional. (See MPG 5.3.2.D.)												
13	<p>A child is under one year and available evidence (e.g., the hospital admission summary) shows a gestational age at birth on the table below with the corresponding birth-weight indicated:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="521 804 1406 1146"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="527 812 727 911">Gestational Age (in weeks)</th> <th data-bbox="743 812 954 837">Weight at Birth</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="527 921 618 947">37-40</td> <td data-bbox="743 921 1370 951">Less than 2000 grams (4 pounds, 6 ounces)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="527 961 561 987">36</td> <td data-bbox="743 961 1325 991">1875 grams or less (4 pounds, 2 ounces)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="527 1001 561 1026">35</td> <td data-bbox="743 1001 1344 1031">1700 grams or less (3 pounds, 12 ounces)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="527 1041 561 1066">34</td> <td data-bbox="743 1041 1325 1071">1500 grams or less (3 pounds, 5 ounces)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="527 1081 561 1106">33</td> <td data-bbox="743 1081 1386 1138">At least 1200 grams, but no more than 1325 grams</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For infants weighting under 1200 grams at birth, see PD category 11.</p> <p>NOTE: Gestational age (GA). The age at birth based on the date of conception, may be shown as "GA" as noted in the available evidence, the CWD forwards the case to SP for consideration of a PD finding.</p>	Gestational Age (in weeks)	Weight at Birth	37-40	Less than 2000 grams (4 pounds, 6 ounces)	36	1875 grams or less (4 pounds, 2 ounces)	35	1700 grams or less (3 pounds, 12 ounces)	34	1500 grams or less (3 pounds, 5 ounces)	33	At least 1200 grams, but no more than 1325 grams
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14	<p>PD will be granted to all terminally ill individuals, whether they receive Hospice Services or not.</p> <p>NOTE: An individual is considered to be terminally ill if he or she has a medical prognosis that his or her life expectancy is six months or less. Hospice care is not a requirement to receive PD.</p>												

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No.	Impairment Categories
15	Allegation of inability to walk/move around without the use of a walker or bilateral hand held assistive devices more than two weeks following a spinal cord injury with confirmation of such status from an appropriate medical professional.
16	End stage renal disease with ongoing dialysis and the file contains a completed HCFA-2728 (End Stage Renal Disease Medical Evidence Report-Medicare Entitlement and/or Patient Registration). CWDs should request the HCFA-2728 form from the applicant's medical provider. This form is necessary before PD can be granted.
17	Allegation of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease).

J. Age

An individual can be potentially eligible for SSI based on age, if he/she:

- is age 65 or older; and
- meets SSI citizen/non-citizen eligibility criteria; or
- is age 65 or older, is disabled or blind, meets SSI non-citizen eligibility criteria, and entered the U.S. prior to 8/22/96.

K. Potential CAPI Eligibility

A non-citizen immigrant may be eligible for CAPI when he/she does not meet the non-citizen immigrant status required for SSI eligibility. Refer to [CAPI PG 99-101.2.F](#) for immigrant status, which may qualify the individual for CAPI.

L. Legal Non-Citizens Not Qualifying for SSI/CAPI

Individuals who are legal non-citizens but do not meet the criteria for potential SSI or CAPI eligibility solely due to their non-citizen status may be aided as IAP, if otherwise GR eligible. These individuals are not referred for SSI Advocacy Services. These individuals must have substantiating evidence or documentation and must:

- be determined blind
- be found disabled as determined by SP – DDSD

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Legal Non-Citizens Not Qualifying for SSI/CAPI (continued)

- be found to be gravely disabled and have had a Public Conservator appointed
 - meet presumptive disability criteria under the Medi-Cal Program.
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M. Quarterly Reporting

The IAP recipient is required to complete quarterly reporting (QR 7).

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