

Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) # 789

May 24, 2013

Subject **IN-HOME SERVICE DEDUCTION FOR AN AGED, BLIND, OR DISABLED (ABD) PERSON**

Effective Upon Receipt

Reference Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual (MEPM) Article 10E

Purpose To update MPG 10.06.03.K with the criteria that must be met to allow an in-home service deduction paid by an ABD-MN person.

Background ABD-MN applicant/beneficiary may be allowed an in-home service deduction when the criteria in [MPG 10.06.03.K](#) are met.

Highlighted Changes [MPG 10.06.03.K](#) has been updated to include the criteria that must be met in order to allow the cost of in-home services paid by an ABD-MN person.

Required Action Review the applicability of the deduction at each application or redetermination. All people applying as aged, blind or disabled shall be informed of the availability of the deduction whether they are currently paying for in-home services or not. Explain the procedures involved and verifications needed.

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is paying for services but does not wish to pursue the verification process	document "IHSS deduction explained – declined"
wishes to pursue the verification	refer the applicant to IHSS

Prior to allowing the deductions for in-home services the following verifications must be obtained:

- A completed IHSS Needs Assessment (SOC 293)
- The applicant/beneficiary must provide verification of the actual amount spent on in-home services. Verification may be any of the

following:

- Written contract between the applicant/beneficiary and the provider
- A receipt from the provider which includes the hours of service and the amount received
- A completed IHSS provider/beneficiary agreement

NOTE: The amount of the deduction must be computed based on the number of hours and types of services authorized by the IHSS assessment and the actual amount paid for the services. If the number of hours paid exceed the hours indicated in the needs assessment, deduct only the amount paid for authorized hours/services.

Automation Impact No Impact

Forms Impact No Impact

ACCESS Impact No Impact

Imaging Impact No Impact

PA (CalFresh or CalWORKs) Program Impact No Impact

Quality Control (QC) Impact Effective with the July 2013 review month. QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

Summary of Changes The table below shows the changes made in the MPG cites.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 10, Section 6	• Revision to in-home service deduction

Approval for
Release

Pat Wilson, Dep. Director 5-29-13

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10.06.03 Deductions for MFBUs that include ABD-MN Persons (Except Special Percent Programs)

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In-Home
Services for
an ABD
Person

The cost of in-home services paid by ABD-MN person, is an allowable deduction only when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The person paying for the services is an ABD applicant or beneficiary.
- The person providing the services is not a family member living in the home. Family members are spouses, parents, and children under 21 years of age.
- The applicant's/beneficiary's need for in-home services verified by a physician's statement, which specifies that without such services, the individual would require institutionalization (i.e. long term care or board and care placement).
- An IHSS evaluation has been made verifying the propriety of the services being received. Inform the applicant that they must call Aging & Independence Services (AIS) at 1-800-510-2020 to have an IHSS evaluation completed.

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