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Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide**

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Background:

The CAPI payment is determined by subtracting countable income from the appropriate payment level. This section provides instructions for calculation of the CAPI payment.

Purpose:

To provide the policy for calculation of the CAPI payment.

Policy:

If the countable income equals or exceeds the CAPI rate, the recipient will not receive a CAPI payment. The case will be denied or discontinued.

1. Calculations for CAPI and SSI Spouse:

The law requires the individual CAPI recipient and his/her SSI/SSP spouse to receive \$10 less than a similarly situated SSI/SSP couple. To do this, the SSI/SSP benefit is counted as income based on need and, except for the payment standard used, the benefit calculation for a CAPI + SSI couple is essentially the same for any CAPI eligible couple. Desk Aid 99-105.1A, CAPI Payment Levels, includes a category under the couples section at the bottom for CAPI + SSI spouse.

2. SSI Spouse Receiving Reduced Benefit:

The table below shows how to handle situations in which the SSI spouse is receiving a reduced payment.

If ...	Then ...
an SSI/SSP spouse is receiving a reduced SSI payment,	find out the reason. Use MEDS or ask the applicant, SSI spouse, or SSA if the reduced payment is due to application of PMV or HOA.
the reduction is due to application of PMV or HOA,	apply the same living arrangement for the CAPI spouse.
the reduced payment is due to an overpayment collection or an increased (for example, retroactive) payment,	the amount of spousal income used to calculate the CAPI payment should be the regular monthly payment amount normally received by the SSI/SSP spouse.
the cause of the reduced payment cannot be determined and the proposed budget would cause the CAPI applicant to receive more income than the individual payment level,	use the individual payment level.

Procedure:

Follow the actions in the table below to calculate the CAPI payment.

Step	Action
1	Determine the correct payment level for the payment month, based on the applicant's/ recipient's living arrangement for that month (see Desk Aid 99-105.1A).

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2	Calculate the payment amount by subtracting the individual's, or couple's, countable income during the budget month from the appropriate payment level for the payment month. Note the exceptions listed in 99-105.2.B.1.
3	Issue payment. For couples, issue each member of a couple one-half of the couple's payment in a separate transaction, when each member is eligible for CAPI.

Program Impact/s:

None.

References:

MPP 49-055.3 and 4
ACL 98-82 and 99-13

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 07/31/2019

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