

# **Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) General Eligibility Information, Payment Levels and Reporting Responsibilities**

Legal non-citizens in financial need who are age 65 or older, or people of any age, including children, who are blind or have a disability and are ineligible for SSI due to their immigrant status may be eligible for monthly cash payments from the State of California. The payments are from a state program called the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). You may apply at your County Social Services office.

You may be eligible for CAPI payments if you have little or no income, and if the value of the things you own is less than \$2,000 if you are single, or \$3,000 if you are married. We do not count the value of the home you live in or your car (if it is not an expensive model). We count property and income you have outside of the United States as well as property and income you have in the United States. Contact your local County Social Services office for more information or call 1-800-648-0954.

In addition to meeting the income limits, you must live in California **and** be in one of the following groups:

- Non-citizens, in the United States on or before August 21, 1996, who are age 65 or older, disabled, or blind and meet the previous SSI/SSP PRUCOL requirements, but not the current immigration status requirements.
- Lawful permanent residents (LAPRs) in the United States on or before August 21, 1996, who are 65 or older, but do not meet SSI/SSP disability requirements.

- Certain refugees, asylees, parolees, Amerasian immigrants, conditional entrants, individuals with deportation withheld, and others who are 65 and older and ineligible for SSI/SSP.
- Legal immigrants who legally entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996 and who are 65 or older, disabled, or blind.

You may be required to apply for SSI as a condition of eligibility. You must also apply for any other money for which you may be eligible. CAPI is not the same as Social Security. Money for CAPI payments comes from the California treasury.

### **Medical Assistance**

You may be eligible for Medi-Cal. Contact your local County Social Services office.

### **CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps)**

You may be able to receive CAPI and CalFresh. Contact your local County Social Services office.

### **Additional State and County Programs**

Additional services and special payments may be available through your local Social Services office. These include:

- Special allowance for assistance dogs for blind or disabled individuals,
- In-home supportive services; and
- Protective services.

### **CAPI Payments**

An individual's or couple's living arrangement and income determines the CAPI payment amount. Not all CAPI recipients receive the maximum payment amounts. Payments may be lower if you have other income. If you have a sponsor we may consider the income and resources of your sponsor. Your CAPI office can give you more information about payment levels and how income affects them.

Additional payments may be available to eligible aged or disabled individuals who don't live where they can cook or store food. Also, people who have adequate cooking facilities but are unable to cook for themselves may be eligible for the allowance through in-home supportive services from the County Social Services department. Your CAPI office can explain these provisions to you.

### **For More Information**

You can get more information by calling CAPI's toll-free number 1-800 648-0954 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

## **Reporting Responsibilities**

You must tell us about any changes within 10 days after the change occurs. Failure to report any change within 10 days after it occurs result in a penalty.

### **CHANGES TO REPORT**

#### **Where You Live:**

- If you move.
- If you leave to United State for 30 days or more.
- If you are no longer a legal resident of the United States.
- If you are released from a hospital, nursing home, etc.
- If you (or your spouse) leave your household for a calendar month or longer. For example, you enter a hospital or visit a relative.

#### **How You Live:**

- If someone moves into or out of your household.
- The birth or death of any people with whom you live.
- If the amount of money you pay toward household expenses changes.
- If your marital status changes: You get married, separated, divorced, or your marriage is annulled or you start living together after a separation.

#### **Income:**

- If the amount of money (or checks or any other type of payment) you receive from someone or someplace goes up or down.
- If you start to receive money (or checks or any other type of payment).
- If you start or stop work.
- If your earnings go up or down.

#### **Help You Get from Others:**

- If the amount of help (money, food, clothing, or payment of household expenses) you receive goes up or down.
- If someone stops or starts helping you.

#### **Things of Value That You Own:**

- If the value of your total resources goes over \$2000 (\$3000 if you are married and live with your spouse).
- If you sell or give away any things of value.
- If you buy or are given anything of value.

#### **You Are Blind Or Disabled:**

- If your condition improves or your doctor says you can return to work.
- If you stop or refuse any vocational rehabilitation services.
- If you go to work.

#### **Unmarried and Under Age 22:**

- If you are the parent of a child who receives CAPI benefits, you are to report if you or your child has a change in income, a change in marital status, a change in the value of anything the family owns, or there is a change in residence.
- If the child starts or stops school.

### **YOUR UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS) STATUS CHANGES OR YOU BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.**