

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
**FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY WORK SHEET (DHCS 7021)**  
**(Individual or Couple, Applicant With an Ineligible Spouse)**

**A. APPLICANT'S TOTAL COUNTABLE INCOME**

Enter the applicant's total countable income. This is to be obtained by using only the applicant's earned and unearned income. If, after subtracting any applicable Title II COLAs, the applicant's income is still above the current SSI/SSP payment level for an individual, the applicant is not eligible as a Pickle person and no further action is necessary. In that case *do not proceed* to Part B. If the total countable income is below the payment level and the applicant has an ineligible spouse, complete Parts B through F. In completing this section for a potentially eligible couple (both pass screening test), it is necessary to compute countable income using the income and disregard amounts for both. If this countable income exceeds the maximum allowance, this section must then be completed for each person using only his/her income and disregard amounts.

**B. INELIGIBLE SPOUSE'S UNEARNED INCOME**

Do not include any public assistance income.

**Line B.1.**

Enter the ineligible spouse's unearned income.

**Line B.2.**

If ineligible spouse has Title II income, subtract all Title II cost-of-living increases received since the applicant was discontinued from SSI/SSP. Use amount from Disregard Computation Work Sheet (DHCS 7029, line C.3.).

**Line B.3.**

Subtract line B.2. from line B.1. and enter the difference.

**Line B.4.** (If there are no children, enter zero on line 4.c.)

Enter each Pickle ineligible child's first name in boxes provided. On line 4.a., enter the allocations for any ineligible child(ren) not on public assistance. On line 4.b., enter any income for each of the children, excluding \$1,620 per year of student income. Enter the remainder for each child and total the allocation for each child on line 4.c. Do not make any entry in this part for a Pickle-eligible child.

**Line B.5.**

Subtract line B.4.c. from line B.3. (countable unearned income) and enter the difference. This is the remaining unearned income amount unless there is no remaining unearned income because the allocation amount (line B.4.c.) exceeds line B.3. (countable unearned income). In the latter case, the negative figure on line B.5. is carried over to line C.2. (unused portion of allocation).

**C. INELIGIBLE SPOUSE'S EARNED INCOME**

**Line C.1.**

Enter the ineligible spouse's earned income.

**Line C.2.**

Enter the amount of any allocation for ineligible children that is not offset by countable unearned income (there is a negative figure on line B.5.). If all the allocation for ineligible children was offset by countable unearned income (line B.3. is equal to or more than line B.4.c.), enter zero in line C.2.

**Line C.3.**

Subtract the allocation amount on line C.2. from line C.1. (gross earned income) and enter the difference; however, if negative, enter zero.

**D. INELIGIBLE SPOUSE'S TOTAL INCOME AFTER ALLOCATIONS**

If line B.5. is negative, the ineligible spouse's total income after allocations is the amount from line C.3.; otherwise, add the amounts in lines B.5. and C.3. to determine the total income after allocations.

NOTE: If, at this point (after the allocation for ineligible children and the Title II Disregard) the total income amount, earned or unearned, is less than the difference between the FBR for a couple and the FBR for an individual, there is no income available for deeming to the applicant. In this case, use only the applicant's income in Part E and the current SSI/SSP payment level for an individual in Part F. If there is earned and/or unearned income remaining in excess of the difference between the FBR for a couple and the FBR for an individual, use the amounts from lines B.5. and C.3. in Part E and the current SSI/SSP payment level for a couple in Part F.

**Line E.1.**

Enter the applicant's or potentially eligible couple's unearned income (including any applicable ISM—DHCS 7044). (If VTR, ISM is zero, use "household of another" SSI/SSP payment level in F.1.)

**Line E.2.**

Enter the applicant's or potentially eligible couple's Title II cost-of-living increases from the Disregard Computation Work Sheet (DHCS 7029, line A.3. and, if appropriate, line B.3.).

**Line E.3.**

Subtract the COLAs (line E.2. from line E.1.) from the applicant's/couple's unearned income and enter the difference.

**Line E.4.**

Enter the ineligible spouse's unearned income from line B.5. unless the total income amount in Part D is less than half the FBR for an individual, in which case, enter zero in line E.4. If line B.5. is negative, enter zero in line E.4.

**Line E.5.**

Enter combined unearned income of applicant(s) (line E.3.) and/or ineligible spouse (line E.4.).

**Line E.6.**

Enter the \$20 any income exclusion.

**Line E.7.**

Subtract line E.6. from line E.5. and enter the difference. (If line E.5. is less than \$20, enter zero in line E.7.)

**Line E.8.**

Enter combined earned income of applicant(s) and ineligible spouse. Use line C.3. for spouse's income. If the total income amount in Part D is less than the difference between the FBR for a couple and the FBR for an individual, enter only the applicant's earned income in line E.8.

**Line E.9.**

Enter unused portion of the \$20 any income exclusion not offset in line E.7.

**Line E. 10.**

Subtract line E.9. from line E.8. and enter the difference.

**Line E.11.**

\$65 work expense exclusion.

**Line E.12.**

Subtract line E.11. from line E.10. and enter the difference.

**Line E.13.**

Enter half of the amount of line E.12.

**Line E.14.**

Subtract line E.13. from line E.12. and enter the difference.

**Line E.15.**

Add lines E.7. and E.14 and enter total. This is the amount of income to be considered in determining Pickle eligibility. Enter on line F.2.

**F. PICKLE ELIGIBILITY CALCULATION****Line F.1.**

Enter the current, applicable SSI/SSP level from chart. If income is derived from Part D, use the payment level for a couple. If the applicant is blind, resides in the home of another, or somehow fits into one of the payment categories other than an individual, use the applicable payment level. If person is blind, that higher payment level must always be used.

**Line F.2.**

Subtract the total countable income from line F.1. and enter the difference.

If line F.2. (total countable income) is less than or equal to the current SSI/SSP payment level, the applicant(s) is/are categorically needy and entitled to zero share-of-cost Medi-Cal as an eligible Pickle person(s). If both members of a couple meet the eligibility criteria, they are both eligible.

In a situation where there is a potentially eligible child and parent with an ineligible spouse, determine the eligible parent's financial eligibility using this work sheet. If the parent is eligible, determine the child's financial eligibility using Part D of the DHCS 7019 (Pickle child). Use the eligible child's countable income *only*.