

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: California

ELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1931 OF THE ACT

METHODOLOGIES FOR TREATMENT OF INCOME THAT DIFFER FROM THOSE OF
THE AFDC PROGRAM AS IT EXISTED ON JULY 16, 1996
(More Liberal Than AFDC)

Effective January 1, 1998, in determining eligibility for Medicaid under Section 1931, Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the agency uses the AFDC income methodologies in effect as of July 16, 1996, except where the agency has adopted more liberal income methodologies. These more liberal methodologies are listed below (none of the methodologies listed below will result in an Section 1931 income exclusion which is more restrictive than its AFDC counterpart):

1. Applicants ^{and Recipients: ASD} All income in excess of the AFDC 185% gross income test is disregarded for purposes of that test.*
2. Applicants and Recipients: An income disregard for families containing one or more members who receive cash assistance from the TANF or SSI/SSP which is equal to the amount of the difference between the cash assistance payment the family member(s) would have received if she/he were the only person in the family with income, and the cash assistance payment she/he receives.*
3. Applicants and Recipients: For purposes of determining net self-employment income, the individual gets a either a 40 percent deduction from their business revenue or the AFDC self-employment deductions, whichever is to their advantage.
4. Applicants and recipients: An exemption for the following payments made by California's TANF Program (CalWORKS): cash assistance payments, "diversion" payments, and payments for the "Special Needs" of the family.*
5. ^{Applicants and ASD} ~~Recipients only~~: A disregard equal to the amount that California's TANF program's (CalWORKS) highest Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) levels appropriate for the size of the family exceeds the July 16, 1996 AFDC Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) appropriate for the size of the family. Effective 8/99, until the current highest CalWORKS MAP is higher than the 7/99 highest CalWORKS MBSAC, the 7/99 highest CalWORKS MBSAC will be used in place of the current highest CalWORKS MBSAC in the preceding sentence. After that point, a disregard equal to the amount that highest CalWORKS MAP levels appropriate for the size of the family exceeds the July 16, 1996 MAP appropriate for the size of the family.**

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6. Applicant and Recipients: a disregard of \$240 against the disability-based unearned income of the Medi-Cal Family Budget Unit (MFBU).
7. Recipients: One of the following disregards, whichever is more advantageous.
- a. A disregard of any unused part of the \$240 from paragraph #6 against the combined earnings of the two highest earners in the family; an additional \$120 is disregarded from the earnings of each additional member of the family; then a disregard of 50% is deducted from each individual's remaining earnings. This disregard replaces the AFDC \$30 and 1/3 deduction and the AFDC \$90 deduction for recipients.

Or

- b. In lieu of the income disregard in paragraph #5 and #7a, a disregard equal to the amount by which the federal poverty level (FPL) appropriate for the size of the family exceeds the July 16, 1996 MAP appropriate for the size of the family. (This disregard is added to the July 16, 1996 AFDC MAP to create an "effective" income limit equal to the Federal Poverty Level.)¹ ~~Recipients using this disregard also get the \$90 AFDC earned income disregard.~~ ^{PSD}
- ~~PSD~~ *If more advantageous than the disregard in #5, a*
8. Applicants: ~~A~~ disregard equal to the amount by which the federal poverty level (FPL) appropriate for the size of the family exceeds the July 16, 1996 MAP appropriate for the size of the family. (This disregard is added to the July 16, 1996 AFDC MAP to create an "effective" income limit equal to the Federal Poverty Level.)
9. Applicants and Recipients: Effective January 1, 2001, an income disregard for the months of January, February, and March, equal to the COLA increase in the Social Security RSDI payment to the individual. *

* Note: These income exclusions do not replace any AFDC income exclusions.

**This income deduction, when added to the July 16, 1996 AFDC income standard will produce an effective Section 1931 income limit, called the CalWORKs MBSAC-based income limit, equal to the highest CalWORKs MBSAC. After July 1999, the Section 1931 (CalWORKs MBSAC-based) income limit utilizing this disregard is "frozen". The Section 1931 CalWORKs MBSAC-based income limit will remain frozen until the CalWORKs MAP-based income limit is higher. Then the Section 1931 CalWORKs -based income limit will be based on the CalWORKs MAP. Prior to March 1, 2000, this disregard was also available to applicants.

¹ Effective March 1, 2000, recipients are income eligible for the Section 1931 program if they can pass either of two income tests. Under one test, a recipient is income eligible if his/her countable income, from which the \$240 and 1/2 deduction (described in paragraph 7) has been subtracted, is less than the CalWORKs-based income limit. Under the other test, a recipient is income eligible if his/her countable income, from which the AFDC \$90 earned income deduction (in lieu of the \$240 and 1/2 deduction) has been subtracted, is less than the FPL income limit.

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- 10. **Income Disregard:** All wages paid by the Census Bureau to an individual for his/her temporary employment related to 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal activities are disregarded as income to that individual.*

*Note: This income exclusion does not replace any AFDC income exclusion.

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METHODOLOGIES FOR TREATMENT OF INCOME THAT ARE LESS RESTRICTIVE
THAN THOSE OF THE AFDC PROGRAM AS IT EXISTED ON JULY 16, 1996
(More Liberal Methodologies)

A. The Section 1931 program uses the income disregards of the AFDC program as of July 16, 1996 except as follows (cont.):

11. For the period starting the first of January of each year, and extending through the last day of March of such year, a disregard from the family's Social Security Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Income (RSDI) income equal to the amount of the increase in such income resulting from the application of the annual Social Security cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) to the family's current RSDI income.

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In-home caregiver wages paid to a household member shall be exempt when both of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The caregiver is being paid for providing the in-home care to his/her spouse or minor child living in the home, and
- 2) The spouse or minor child is receiving those in-home services through any federal, state or local government program.

Payments made by the California Department of Social Services to an in-home care recipient for the purpose of purchasing in-home care services, including restaurant meals, shall be exempt.

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State funded benefit payments under the State's Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (also known as Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program – Enhanced) shall be exempt.

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