

State: California

DESCRIPTION OF STAFF PERFORMING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

Single State Agency

The Department of Health Services is the single state agency which supervises the administration of the Title XIX (Medicaid) program.

The Department of Social Services is the single state agency which supervises the administration of the Title IVA (AFDC) and Title IVE (Foster Care/Adoption Assistance) programs.

Determination of Eligibility

County welfare departments are the local agencies that make eligibility determinations for Title XIX IVA and IVE under the supervision of the Department of Health Services and the Department of Social Services, respectively.

Under the supervision of the Department of Social Services, county welfare departments make Title XIX eligibility determinations for the following groups:

1. Persons approved for Title IVA and IVE cash assistance;
2. Persons who would be approved for Title IVA cash assistance if the IVA payment level in California were as high as the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care set by California statute;
3. Persons deemed recipients of AFDC pursuant to 42 CFR 435.115;
4. Families eligible under 42 CFR 435.112;
5. Qualified pregnant women under Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(2)(III) of the Act who receive a State-only funded AFDC payment;
6. Persons whose Title IVA cash assistance has been suspended for administrative reasons only;

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7. Persons under 21 who meet all of the Title IVA or IVE requirements except for deprivation or court ordered foster care placement. (These persons receive a State-only funded payment.)

In accordance with the state-federal agreement created under Section 1634 of Title XVI of the Social Security Act, the Social Security Administration certifies Medicaid eligibility for California residents on the basis of eligibility for cash assistance under Title XVI of the Act. Persons so certified are:

1. Persons receiving Supplementary Security Income (SSI);
2. Persons receiving a California State Supplemental Payment (SSP) (this includes those receiving a mandatory SSP made pursuant to Section 212 of Public Law 93-66);
3. Persons whose SSI and/or SSP has been suspended for administrative reasons only.
4. Persons eligible under 1619(b) of the Act.

All Other Medicaid eligibility determinations are made by local county welfare departments under the supervision of the Department of Health Services.

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