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**MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES MANUAL LETTER NO.: 197**

TO: Holder of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual

Enclosed are the revised procedures for Article 5N Medi-Cal Tuberculosis Program (TB).

Procedures Revision:

Article 5

Description:

Revision of the Procedures for the Tuberculosis Program to add a statement, which provides that there is an allocation from Ineligible parent(s) to the TB child.

Filing Instructions:**Remove Pages:**

Article 5N
Pages 5N-5 and 5N-6
Pages 5N-16.f and 5N-16.g

Insert Pages:

Article 5N
Pages 5N-5 and 5N-6
Pages 5N-16.f and 5N-16.g

If you have any questions regarding this procedure revision, please contact Mary Maestas-Sandoval of my staff at (916) 657-1248.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures

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Exception 2: Parental Deduction:

a. Who may have this deduction:

This deduction is available to a parent or parents whose income is being deemed to a child whose income eligibility for the TB program is being determined.

b. Amount of the Deduction:

The amount of the deduction is the federal benefit rate for one if only one ineligible parent lives in the home with the child or it is the federal benefit rate for a couple if both ineligible parents live in the home with the child.

Exception 3: No Deeming from Ineligible Spouse:

There will be no deeming from the ineligible spouse.

(3) Income eligibility

Compare the applicant's net nonexempt income to the TB income standard. If net nonexempt income exceeds the TB standard, the person is ineligible for the TB program.

(C) Property Methodology

(1) TB Property Limits

The resource limit for an individual (including a child) is \$2,000.

The resource limits do not increase even if the applicant and/or his or her spouse have children living in the home.

(2) Determination of Net Nonexempt Property

Resources are determined according to Article 9, Title 22.

If the TB applicant is a child, property is deemed to the child as follows.

One parent in the home

If there is only one parent living in the home who is not eligible for the TB program, reduce the parent's property by the property limit for one. The remainder is deemed to the child.

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Two parents or one parent and a stepparent in the home:

If there are two parents living in the home and neither is eligible for the TB program, reduce the parents' property by the regular Medi-Cal limit for two. The remainder is deemed to the child.

If there are two parents living in the home and one is ineligible for the TB program, reduce the parent's property by the property limit for one. The remainder is deemed to the child.

If there is more than one child applying for the TB program, the parent(s)' property is divided among the potential TB applicant children. However, as soon as a child is determined ineligible for the TB program, the parent(s)' property must be redivided among the remaining children to determine their TB property eligibility, even if their eligibility had been determined already.

(3) Resource Eligibility

Net nonexempt property is compared to the TB property limit. If net nonexempt property is less than or equal to the TB limit, the applicant is TB property eligible.

F. SCOPE OF BENEFITS - LIMITED TO TB RELATED SERVICES

The following services are available under the TB program.

- o Physician specified clinics;
- o Outpatient hospital services;
- o Clinic services including specified clinics;
- o Federally - qualified health centers services;
- o Case management services; and
- o Services (other than room and board) to monitor prescribed drugs.

G. MEDI-CAL PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

(A) Tuberculosis Application Form MC 274 TB

The Department of Health Services has developed a TB application form which will be available only to county welfare departments (CWDs) and Medi-Cal providers such as physicians and clinics. This form is entitled the "Application for Medi-Cal Tuberculosis Program".

This form replaces the SAWS 1 only for persons applying for the TB program at a Medi-Cal TB provider site.

On the second page Part B of this application Medi-Cal physicians or their designated staff must certify that the individual is infected with TB (by indicating this person requires preventive therapy for tuberculosis infection or that the person requires treatment for active TB) before submitting the application to the county.

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TUBERCULOSIS (TB) PROGRAM PROPERTY WORK SHEET CHILD

EXAMPLE 5

NAME <u>John Doe</u>	CARE NUMBER	MONTH
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STEP I

- A. There is no allocation of property from a parent(s) eligible for the TB Program or from an ineligible parent(s) if one or both parents public assistance (PA) or other PA.
- B. Determine net nonexempt property in accordance with Article 9. (1) CAR Exempt

STEP II

A. Ineligible Parental Allocation

Only consider the net nonexempt property of the parent(s) in the home; do not consider the property of any other family members.

1. Parent(s)' net nonexempt property \$ 2500
2. Property limit for one person (if two parents, enter property limit for two persons) \$ 3000
3. Subtract line A.2. from line A.1. (enter 0 if negative) Total Allocation \$ 0
4. Divide line A.3. by the number of TB children in the home. TB Child's Share \$ 0

B. TB Child's and Parent(s)' Resources

1. Child's own net nonexempt property (as determined under Article 9) \$ 0
2. Enter child's share of property from parent(s) (line A.4.) \$ 0
3. Add line B.1. and B.2. \$ 0
4. Enter the TB property limit for one person \$ 2000

5. Is line B.3. less than or equal to line B.4.?

- ☐ Yes, TB property requirement met.
- ☐ No, ineligible due to excess property. If more than one TB child in the home, proceed to Section C.

TB
Property
Eligible

C. More Than One TB Child In the Home

1. Follow these steps if the child in Section B above is ineligible for any reason, e.g., attainment of age 18 or due to excess property because the parental allocation when combined with the TB child's own net nonexempt property exceeds the TB property limit for one person.
2. Take the amount of property deemed from the parent(s) (line A.3.) and re-divide it among the remaining number of TB children in the home (line A.4.).
3. Repeat Section B for each of the remaining TB children in the home to determine if the combined amount of the child's share of parental net nonexempt property and the child's own net nonexempt property (line B.3.) is within the allowable TB property limit (line B.4.).

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Signature: _____

Witness: _____

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State of California—Health and Welfare Agency

Department of Health Services

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) PROGRAM FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY WORK SHEET—ELIGIBLE CHILD WITH INELIGIBLE PARENT OR PARENT(S)

Using 1994 Income Standards

Example 5

CASE NAME <u>John Doe</u>	CASE NUMBER
APPLICANT'S NAME <u>John Doe</u>	

PART I. INELIGIBLE PARENT'S UNEARNED INCOME

1. Parent's unearned income—do not include public assistance (PA), other PA, or TB parent's income. Do not include parent's income if spouse is PA, other PA, or TB: \$ 0

2. Allocation for ineligible children (if no children, enter zero in Part I.2.c.). Do not include TB applicant or TB-eligible children.

CHILD #1	CHILD #2	CHILD #3	CHILD #4
Name	Name	Name	Name
<u>223</u>	<u>223</u>		
<u>100</u>	<u>-100</u>		

- a. Standard SSI allocation (Federal Benefit Rate [FBR] for a couple minus FBR for an individual):

- b. Minus child's income:

- c. Total allocation:

123 + 123 = \$ 246

3. Remaining unearned income (subtract line I.2.c. from line I.1.):

\$ 246

PART II. INELIGIBLE PARENT'S EARNED INCOME

1. Parent's gross earned income: \$ 1651
2. Unused portion of allocation for ineligible child(ren): \$ 246
3. Remaining earned income (subtract II.2. from II.1.): \$ 1405

IF THERE IS NO INCOME REMAINING AND I.3. AND II.3. ARE BOTH ZERO, DO NOT DEEM, GO TO PART IV.

IF THERE IS INCOME, PROCEED WITH PART III.

PART III. COMBINED INCOMES—Ineligible Parents		PART IV. TB ELIGIBILITY CALCULATION	
Unearned Income		1. Deemed income from Part III.1. <u>0</u>	
1. Remaining unearned income (after allocation) or zero (from I.3.)		2. Eligible child's own QASDI income <u>0</u>	
2. A. Subtract general income exclusion	-20	3. Other unearned income <u>0</u>	
B. Subtract other unearned income deductions	-	4. A. Subtract general income exclusion	
3. Countable unearned income (to III.1.)		B. Subtract other unearned income deductions	
Earned Income		5. Countable unearned income (IV.1. + IV.2. + IV.3. = \$20) <u>0</u>	
4. Remaining earned income (from II.3.)	<u>1405</u>	6. A. Child's countable earned income (subtract III.1. + 1/2 remainder) <u>0</u>	
5. Subtract balance of general income exclusion	<u>20</u>	B. Subtract other earned income deductions <u>0</u>	
6. Remainder	<u>1385</u>	7. Total countable income <u>0</u>	
7. A. Subtract work expense exclusion	-45	8. Current TB income standard <u>977</u>	
B. Subtract other earned income deductions	-	If line IV-7 is less than or equal to line IV-8, if person is income eligible.	
8. Remainder	<u>1340</u>		
9. Subtract 1/2 remainder	<u>660</u>		
10. Countable earned income (to III.2.)	<u>660</u>		
Deemed Income			
11. Countable unearned income (from III.1.)	<u>0</u>		
12. Add countable earned income (from III.10.)	<u>660</u>		
13. Total countable income (from III.11. + III.12.)	<u>660</u>		
14. Subtract parent deduction*	<u>-669</u>		
15. Deemed income. Enter on Line IV.1.	<u>0</u>		

* Individual FBR if one ineligible parent lives with child; couple FBR if both ineligible parents live with child.

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