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**CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS
FACT SHEET**

The Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), a State-funded program, was implemented on November 1, 1998 as a result of Assembly Bill 2279. It is designed to provide monthly cash benefits to aged, blind and disabled non-citizens who are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) solely due to their immigration status. CAPI participants may be eligible for CalFresh, Medi-Cal, In-Home Supportive Services, and other public assistance. They must separately file for each benefit.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible for CAPI, a person must complete the CAPI application process and meet all of the following conditions:

- Non-citizen, meeting appropriate immigration status
 - Qualified Immigrant – an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States
 - PRUCOL Immigrant – an alien permanently residing in the United States under Color of Law
- Age 65 or over, blind and disabled as defined for SSI/SSP purposes – The California Disability Determination Service Division (DDSD) is responsible for making all blindness and disability determination for CAPI.
- Resident of California – No period of residency is required; however, if a person is physically absent from California for more than 90 calendar days, this absence will be considered as evidence to abandon California as residence.
- Resources are below the allowable limits
 - \$2,000 for an individual
 - \$3,000 for a couple
- Income is less than the CAPI Payment Standard, which is less than SSI/SSP Payment Standard
 - Less than \$10.00 for individual
 - Less than \$20.00 for couple

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ELIGIBILITY RULES (Continued)

- Ineligible for SSI/SSP solely due to his/her immigration status – Ineligibility must be verified by formal or informal denial letter from Social Security Administration issued after August 1, 1998 and within six months of the CAPI application that states the person is ineligible for SSI/SSPI due to immigration status.

INELIGIBILITY FOR CAPI

A person is not eligible for CAPI if they are:

- A U. S. Citizen
- A resident of public institution for at least 30 consecutive days
- A fleeing felon/Parole violator
- Outside of California for at least 30 consecutive days

SPONSOR DEEMING RULES

- Include counting the income and resources of the sponsor as belonging to the CAPI participants
- Apply regardless of whether or not the sponsor actually provides the CAPI participant with any support
- Apply for 10 years from the date of the sponsor’s execution of the affidavit or the date of the CAPI participant’s arrival to United States, whichever is later

SPONSOR DEEMING EXEMPTION

Old Affidavit: Form I-134 filed before December 19, 1997	New Affidavit: Form I-864 filed on or after December 19, 1997
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sponsor dies➤ CAPI participants:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resided in United States for 3 years since the date of admission for permanent residence• Became blind or disabled after admission to United States• Not lawfully admitted for permanent residence• Victim of abuse by sponsor or sponsor’s spouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sponsor dies➤ CAPI participants:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Became naturalized citizen• Credited with 40 quarters of Social Security coverage• Victim of abuse and living in a different household than the abuser• Met the criteria for the indigence exception

INDIGENCE EXCEPTION

The indigence exception applies for a 12-month period. The period begins whenever **all** of the conditions are met and runs for 12 consecutive months (including nonpayment months).

The indigence exception applies when <u>all</u> of the following are met:	The indigence exception <u>does not</u> apply when one of the following occurs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sponsor-deeming results in denial, suspension, or reduction of CAPI benefits➤ The CAPI participant is unable to obtain both food and shelter➤ The CAPI participant completes and signs the CAPI Indigence Exception Statement (SOC 809)➤ The caseworker determines that the indigence exception applies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The CAPI participant lives with his or her sponsor➤ The CAPI participant lives with someone other than the sponsor and receives free room and board.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Although CAPI applications may be filed at any DPSS district office, it is recommended that these applications be filed at:

Metro North District Office #38
(CAPI Centralized Office)
2601 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(213) 639 - 5407

Homebound or in residential care CAPI applicants may call the following telephone numbers at Customer Service Center to receive an application by mail:

- (866) 613 – 3777
- (626) 569 – 1399
- (310) 258 – 7400
- (818) 701 – 8200