

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide**

Couples/Ineligible Parents

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Revision Date:

August 1, 2020

Background:

This section provides the definitions of couples and ineligible parents and the policies for the treatment of couples and ineligible parents in CAPI.

Purpose:

This section is updated for the sunset review. No policies or procedures were changed.

Policy:

1. Couple:

A couple is defined as a couple to whom any of the following apply:

- Are legally married (including same-sex couples)
- Either member of the couple is entitled to the spouse's Social Security benefits as the spouse of the other
- The customer and an unrelated person are living together in the same household and both lead people to believe they are married

Accept the customer's statement on marital status unless there is information to the contrary. Each member of a couple receives one-half of the couple's payment in a separate Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), or Direct Deposit, when each member is eligible for CAPI.

2. Eligible Spouse:

An eligible spouse means an aged, blind, or disabled individual who:

- Meets all CAPI eligibility requirements (including filing an application)
- Is the spouse of another aged, blind, or disabled individual
- Is living with that individual

3. Ineligible Spouse:

Ineligible spouse means someone who is living with the customer as a spouse who is:

- Not eligible to CAPI or SSI/SSP
- Does not apply for CAPI or SSI/SSP, though he/she is otherwise eligible

It is not necessary for the ineligible spouse to participate in the intake or redetermination interview or to sign the Statement of Facts. The applicant must provide information regarding income and property of the ineligible spouse. If necessary information to determine the applicant spouse's eligibility is not provided, failure to provide rules apply.

4. Couples Sharing 40 Quarter Work Requirement:

If an SSI spouse has earned 40 quarters of work while the couple has been married, the 40 quarters can be credited to the non-SSI spouse. This would make the non-SSI spouse potentially eligible for SSI/SSP.

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5. General Relief (GR) and CAPI Couple:

For GR couple cases where one spouse becomes eligible for CAPI and the other spouse remains active to GR, the GR case is maintained in the appropriate FRC.

6. Ineligible Parent:

Ineligible parent means a natural or adoptive parent or the parent's spouse who:

- Is not eligible for CAPI or SSI/SSP
- Lives with a minor child who is the CAPI applicant or recipient

C. Procedure:

Follow the rules above when determining the marital status of a couple or if a parent is ineligible for CAPI.

Program Impacts:

None.

References:

SSI POMS GN 00210.006 and 00210.800

SSI POMS SI 00501.150 and 00501.152

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Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 7/31/2023.

Approval for Release:



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