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Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide

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Revision Date:

August 1, 2019

Background:

A CAPI recipient who is incarcerated for an entire month is not eligible for CAPI in that month. Income received upon release is considered unearned income for CAPI.

Purpose:

This section is revised for the sunset review. No Program rules have changed.

Policy:

A CAPI recipient who becomes incarcerated is ineligible for CAPI when incarcerated for the entire month. The CAPI case must be suspended in this situation and a Case Comment entered of the period of suspension, which is 12 consecutive months. See 99-105.7.B.2 for instructions on reinstatement of benefits within 12 months of suspension.

1. Payments after Release from Penal Institution:

A recipient's CAPI payment is prorated the month he/she is released from the penal institution following a period of ineligibility due to incarceration. Proration does not apply to other types of institutionalization.

ISM income is charged to a recipient for any month that the recipient is incarcerated as of the very first moment of the month. Charge the current PMV for each month, as appropriate. This amount is charged whether the recipient is released on the first or 31st of the month.

2. "Gate Money:"

Before inmates leave a penal institution, they are often given "gate money." This is an amount of \$200 or less and should be counted as unearned income. Ask formerly incarcerated CAPI applicants if they received "gate money" and the amount.

Procedure:

Follow the actions in the policies above for incarcerated CAPI customers.

Program Impacts:

None.

References:

MPP 49-035.5, 49-060.1(e)

ACL 98-82

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 08/31/2022

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