

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

**New Payment Standards for CAPI Effective January 2021**

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**Effective Date:**

January 1, 2021

**Background:**

Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) payment standards are equivalent to the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP) standards.

Annually, there is a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for SSI and CAPI and these changes are the result of a 1.3 percent COLA for recipients of SSI.

**Purpose:**

To provide staff with the new CAPI payment standards that are effective January 1, 2021.

**Policy:**

There is a COLA for SSI and CAPI effective January 1, 2021.

**Procedure:**

The CAPI Payment Standards have been updated. Desk Aid 99-105.1A reflects the new changes in payment standards and has been uploaded in Eligibility Essentials.

In addition to the payment standard changes, the following amounts are also changed effective January 1, 2021.

<b>Variable Value</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>Amount as of 1/1/21</b>
Presumed Maximum Value (PMV) of the In-Kind Support and Maintenance (ISM)	Individual: \$281.00	Individual: \$284.67
	Couple: \$411.67	Couple: \$417.00
Allowance for Ineligible Children in Deeming Situations (for example, deeming income from an ineligible spouse)	\$392.00	\$397.00
Sponsor's Allocation in Immigrant Deeming Situations	\$783.00	\$794.00
Allowance for Parent(s) in Parent-to-Child Deeming Situations (Federal Benefit Level)	One parent: \$783.00	One parent: \$794.00
	Two parents: \$1,175.00	Two parents: \$1,191.00

**Program Impact/s:**

**Automation**

The CAPI COLA was run the weekend of December 12, 2020. The COLA Exception lists will be issued separately with instructions.

**Other Programs Affected**

CalFresh

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CAPI grant adjustments due to COLA and CAPI Payment Standard changes will be treated in the CalFresh case according to Semi-Annual Reporting/Prospective Budgeting (SAR/PB) regulations.

CAPI payments are considered Public Assistance (PA) income. The actual monthly CAPI grant amount must be used each month to compute CalFresh benefits.

Changes to PA benefits are considered "Known-to-County" information. Staff should budget the new or updated CAPI grant amount and review for possible CalFresh benefit increases or decreases. Increase CalFresh benefits if the calculation indicates an increase. Decrease CalFresh benefits the first of the month for which timely notice can be provided if the calculation indicates a decrease.

Refer to CalFresh Program Guide Letter #586 (page 12 of 17).

**References:**

- All-County Information Notices (ACIN):
  - I-88-20
  - I-78-20
- All County Letter 19-44
- Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18941

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by December 31, 2021.

**Approval for Release:**



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