

Article 5 Section 02 Residence

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05.02.01 Residence

05.02.01A General

Applicants/beneficiaries must reside and maintain their principal residence in San Diego County.

- 1) Principal residence is not restricted to a building, boat, car, mobile home, etc. It includes the place where the applicant normally lives even if it is in a park, public restroom, airport lounge, or under a bridge. A fixed address is not required.
- 2) County residence shall be established by either of the following as long as verification requirements are met:
 - a) The applicant/beneficiary is physically present and is living in the County with the intention to remain permanently or for an indefinite period; or
 - b) The applicant/beneficiary is physically present and is living in the County at the time of application, not receiving medical assistance from another county, state, or country, and having entered the County with a job commitment or to seek employment, whether or not currently employed.
- 3) County residence continues until residence is established in another county. Unless there is evidence to the contrary, County residence ends when a beneficiary leaves the County and does any of the following:
 - a) Purchases, leases or rents a residence.
 - b) Becomes employed.
 - c) Applies for aid in another county, state, or country.

**05.02.01B
Temporary
Absence from
San Diego
County**

- 1) Residence is not affected by temporary absence from the County of 60 days or less. An absence of 60 days or less is presumed to be a temporary absence unless there is evidence to the contrary.
 - 2) Absence from the County for more than 60 days is presumptive evidence of the beneficiary's intent to change residence unless the beneficiary declares in writing an intent to return to San Diego County but is unable to do so because of illness or emergency circumstances.
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**05.02.01C
Verification**

Any one of the items below are acceptable residency verifications for CMS:

- A current and valid drivers license or identification card issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles in the applicant's name listing a San Diego County address.
- A current and valid California vehicle registration in the applicant's name listing a San Diego County address.
- Evidence that the applicant has enrolled his or her children in a school in San Diego County.
- Voter Registration document.
- A current San Diego County rent/mortgage receipt or utility bill in the applicant's name.
- Residency of an applicant living with his/her spouse may be verified using documents which identify the spouse whether or not the spouse is applying for CMS.
- If the applicant is unable to provide one of the above specified documents, the worker can consider "other evidence." Other evidence includes, but not limited to, evidence provided by an agency located in San Diego County that supports finding that the applicant is a resident of San Diego (i.e. affidavit from a homeless shelter or court documents).

Note: A sworn statement from the applicant or any other person is **not** acceptable verification of residency.

**05.02.01D
Use of
PO Box or
Alternate
Address**

Applicants/beneficiaries are required to meet residency requirements to be eligible to CMS. The worker will follow established procedures for verifying residency for all applicants/beneficiaries, including those who choose to designate an alternate mailing address. Applicants/beneficiaries may choose to designate a mailing address to receive client correspondence at any of the following:

- Their place of residence;
- A PO Box, including Commercial-Mail Receiving Agencies (CMRAs);
- The Family Resource Center (FRC) PO Box (Homeless applicants);

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- Another address of their choosing.
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