

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
General Relief Program Guide (GRPG)**

**Age Requirements**

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**Revision Date:**

December 1, 2021

**Background:**

General Relief (GR) is intended for indigent San Diego County residents who are not supported by any other program or other source. This section provides instructions for the age requirements for GR.

**Purpose:**

To provide instructions for evaluating the age requirements in the GR Program. This section has been updated with references to non-citizens.

**Policy:**

Aid will be provided under the GR program to all eligible adults age 18 through 64 with the exceptions noted below. Do not require verification of age.

**Minors:**

Minors (under age 18) are not eligible to receive GR unless the minor:

- Is married.
- Was married and is now divorced or separated (but the marriage is not annulled).
- Was emancipated by court order.
- Is under the supervision of a Social Worker and the Social Worker recommends approval for them to receive GR.
- Is approved to receive Transportation to Resource.

Minors will be required to provide verification of marriage, divorce, or emancipation, if applicable, to establish eligibility for GR. These types of verification will be clearly documented in the case record. Minors living in the home of a parent or stepparent will be denied GR, and CalWORKs will be deemed an available resource.

**Adults Age 18:**

18-year-old customers, living in the home of their parent or stepparent, may be included as part of the CalWORKs case if the parent or stepparent so chooses. However, the 18-year-old must meet the following criteria:

- Must not have graduated from high school.
- Must be attending high school, or in a vocational or technical training program on a full-time basis (as defined by the school).
- Must be expected (by the school) to graduate high school or complete the vocational or technical training program before age 19 or have been or are considered disabled and meet the disability criteria pursuant to the CalWORKs regulations.

The 18-year-old should be advised of inclusion in the CalWORKs case if the parent wishes to include them and the above criteria are met.

**Adults Age 19 to 20:**

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Applicants, aged 19 and 20, living with a parent or stepparent, are not eligible for inclusion in the CalWORKs case. CalWORKs will not be considered a resource for these applicants.

**Adults Age 65 and Older:**

Eligible adults, age 65 and older, will not be granted GR unless it is approved by the Family Resource Center (FRC) Manager. These applicants may be eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/State Supplementary Payment (SSP). However, in some circumstances the applicant may not yet be in receipt of SSI/SSP or may not yet have applied. These applicants may be eligible to receive aid under the Interim Assistance Program (IAP); if they are otherwise eligible to GR. Applicants who are not eligible to SSI/SSP (for example, non-citizen status) may also be eligible to receive aid under the IAP, if they meet the IAP criteria and are otherwise eligible to GR. If non-citizen status is the sole reason for SSI/SSP ineligibility, review for potential CAPI eligibility. When approved by the FRC Manager, these applicants will be granted benefits under the appropriate aid type (for example, IAP, Employable, or Incapacitated).

**Procedure:**

Follow the policies above for the Age Requirements.

**Program Impacts:**

None

**References:**

County Administrative Code Section 257.4

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by November 30, 2024.

**Approval for Release:**



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Self-Sufficiency Services