

# Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) General Eligibility Information and Payment Levels

Legal non-citizens in financial need who are age 65 or older, or people of any age, including children, who are blind or have a disability and are ineligible for SSI due to their immigrant status may be eligible for monthly cash payments from the State of California. The payments are from a state program called the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). You may apply at your County Welfare/Social Services office.

You may be eligible for CAPI payments if you have little or no income, and if the value of the things you own is less than \$2,000 if you are single, or \$3,000 if you are married. We do not count the value of the home you live in or your car (if it is not an expensive model). We count property and income you have outside of the United States as well as property and income you have in the United States. Contact your local County Welfare/Social Services office for more information or call 1-800-648-0954.

In addition to meeting the income limits, you must live in California **and** be in one of the following groups:

- Non-citizens, in the United States on or before August 21, 1996, who are age 65 or older, disabled, or blind and meet the previous SSI/SSP PRUCOL requirements, but not the current immigration status requirements.
- Lawful permanent residents (LAPRs) in the United States on or before August 21, 1996, who are 65 or older, but do not meet SSI/SSP disability requirements.
- Certain refugees, asylees, parolees, Amerasian immigrants, conditional entrants, individuals with deportation withheld, and

others who are 65 and older and ineligible for SSI/SSP.

- Legal immigrants who legally entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996 and who are 65 or older, disabled, or blind.

You may be required to apply for SSI as a condition of eligibility. You must also apply for any other money for which you may be eligible. CAPI is not the same as Social Security. Money for CAPI payments comes from the California treasury.

## Medical Assistance

You may be eligible for Medi-Cal. Contact your local county welfare/social services office.

## Food Stamps

You may be able to receive CAPI and Food Stamps. Contact your local county welfare/social services office.

## Additional State and County Programs

Additional services and special payments may be available through your local social services office. These include:

- Special allowance for assistance dogs for blind or disabled individuals,
- In-home supportive services; and
- Protective services.

## **CAPI Payments**

Not all CAPI recipients receive the maximum payment amounts. Payments may be lower if you have other income. If you have a sponsor we may consider the income and resources of your sponsor. Your CAPI office can give you more information about payment levels and how income affects them.

Additional payments may be available to eligible aged or disabled individuals who don't live where they can cook or store food. Also, people who have adequate cooking facilities but are unable to cook for themselves may be eligible for the allowance through in-home supportive services from the county welfare department. Your CAPI office can explain these provisions to you.

## **For More Information**

You can get recorded information 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays, by calling CAPI's toll-free number, 1-800 648-0954. You can speak to a service representative between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on business days. Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. Whenever you call, have your Social Security number handy.

The people at the toll free number can tell you what information you need to apply for CAPI. Parents and guardians can apply on behalf of children under age 18 who are blind or have a disability.

The Social Services Administration treats all calls confidentially -- whether they're made to our toll-free numbers or to one of our local offices. We want to ensure that you receive accurate and courteous service.

## **CAPI Payment Levels Effective 05/01/2009**

<b><u>Individuals</u></b>	<b><u>Aged</u></b>	<b><u>Disabled</u></b>	<b><u>Blind</u></b>
Independent Living	\$860.00	\$860.00	\$925.00
Non-Medical Board and Care	1,076.00	1,076.00	1,076.00
Independent Living, No Cooking Facilities	944.00	944.00	
Household of Another	648.67	648.67	729.67
Disabled Minor Child		746.00	
Household of Another		522.67	

### **Couples Aged and/or Disabled**

Independent Living	\$1,504.00
Non-Medical Board and Care	2,152.00
Independent Living, No Cooking Facilities	1,672.00
Household of Another	1,213.00

### **Blind**

Independent Living	\$1,731.00
Household of Another	1,440.00

### **Blind Person with Aged or Disabled Spouse**

Independent Living	\$1,646.00
Household of Another	1,354.00