

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 85-112

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COMPUTING THE PORTION OF THE AFDC OR RCA/ECA/RDP GRANT
ATTRIBUTABLE TO NEWLY ELIGIBLE SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS

REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to instruct counties on the correct method to use when computing the portion of the AFDC or RCA/ECA/RDP grant which is attributable to a member of the assistance unit whose application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) has been approved retroactively by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Whenever an AFDC or RCA/ECA/RDP recipient's application for SSI benefits has been approved, SSA must know the amount of the AFDC or RCA/ECA/RDP grant attributable to the newly eligible SSI recipient in order to correctly compute the SSI payment for the period from the SSI application date to the date the recipient is removed from the assistance unit by the county. Upon written or verbal request from SSA, the county must inform SSA of the portion of the AFDC or RCA/ECA/RDP grant attributable to the newly eligible SSI recipient.

SSI Eligible Person with No Income During the SSI Application Pending Period

When the newly eligible SSI recipient does not have income during the SSI application pending period, the portion of the AFDC or RCA/ECA/RDP grant attributable to that person is the difference between the maximum aid payment (MAP) with that person included in the assistance unit less the maximum aid payment with that person not included in the assistance unit (MAP differential amount) for each month that the SSI application is pending.

Example #1

The AFDC assistance unit consists of a mother and two children. On July 1, 1985, the mother applies for SSI benefits on behalf of one of her children. On September 10, 1985, SSA approves the child's application retroactively to July 1, 1985. The county deletes the child from the AFDC assistance unit effective October 1, 1985. The family did not have income during this period.

The amount of the AFDC grant attributable to the SSI eligible child is computed as follows:

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
MAP for Assistance Unit of Three	\$587	\$587	\$587
MAP for Assistance Unit of Two	<u>-474</u>	<u>-474</u>	<u>-474</u>
Grant Portion Attributable to SSI Child	\$113	\$113	\$113

SSI Eligible Person with Income Less Than the MAP Differential Amount During
the SSI Application Pending Period

In cases when the net nonexempt income of the SSI eligible family member is less than the MAP differential amount, the amount of the AFDC or RCA/ECA/RDP grant which would be considered attributable to the SSI eligible person is the MAP differential amount less that person's net nonexempt income.

Example #2

The AFDC assistance unit consists of a father and three children. On August 4, 1985, the father applies for SSI benefits. On December 3, 1985, SSA approves the father's SSI application effective August 4, 1985. The county deletes the father from the assistance unit effective January 1, 1986. The father's net nonexempt income fluctuates as shown below.

The amount of the AFDC grant attributable to the SSI eligible father is computed as follows:

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
MAP for Assistance Unit of Four	\$698	\$698	\$698	\$698	\$698
MAP for Assistance Unit of Three	<u>-587</u>	<u>-587</u>	<u>-587</u>	<u>-587</u>	<u>-587</u>
MAP Differential Amount	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111
Net Nonexempt Income of SSI Eligible Father (From Budget Month)	<u>-100</u>	<u>- 25</u>	<u>- 75</u>	<u>-110</u>	<u>- 50</u>
Amount Attributable to SSI Eligible Father	\$ 11	\$ 86	\$ 36	\$ 1	\$ 61

Even though the SSI application was submitted on August 4, 1985, the county would report the entire \$11.00 attributable to the SSI eligible father for August to SSA. SSA would then use the \$11.00 amount to make the necessary computation to make the correct retroactive SSI payment for August.

SSI Eligible Person with Income in Excess of the MAP Differential Amount
During the SSI Application Pending Period

When the net nonexempt income of the SSI eligible person exceeds (or equals) the amount of the MAP differential amount, none of the AFDC or RCA/ECA/RDP grant would be attributable to the newly eligible SSI recipient.

Example #3

The AFDC assistance unit consists of a mother and her four children. On September 1, 1985, the mother applies for SSI benefits. On December 10, 1985, SSA approves the SSI application effective September 1, 1985. The county deletes the mother from the assistance unit effective January 1, 1986. The mother's net nonexempt income during the SSI application processing period is \$300.00 per month. In this case, none of the AFDC grant would be attributable to the SSI eligible mother during the SSI application processing period. The fact that none of the AFDC grant is attributable to the SSI eligible mother is computed as follows:

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
MAP for Assistance Unit of Five	\$796	\$796	\$796	\$796
MAP for Assistance Unit of Four	<u>-698</u>	<u>-698</u>	<u>-698</u>	<u>-698</u>
MAP Differential Amount	\$ 98	\$ 98	\$ 98	\$ 98
Net Nonexempt Income of SSI Eligible Mother (from budget month)	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Grant Portion Attributable to SSI Mother	0	0	0	0

Removal of the SSI Eligible Person from the Assistance Unit Results in
Ineligibility of the Remaining Members of the Assistance Unit

In cases in which the remaining member(s) of the assistance unit would become ineligible to receive a grant upon exclusion of the newly eligible SSI recipient the entire amount of the grant would be attributable to the SSI eligible person.

Example #4

The AFDC assistance unit consists of a mother and one child. On July 1, 1985, the mother applies for SSI benefits for her child. On October 8, 1985, SSA approves the SSI application effective July 1, 1985. The county deletes the child from the assistance unit effective November 1, 1985. The mother had net

nonexempt income of \$300.00 per month during the SSI application processing period. The family does not have any special needs. The entire AFDC grant received in the months of July, August, September and October would be attributable to the SSI eligible child because the mother's income would make a one-person assistance unit financially ineligible upon removal of the SSI eligible child from the assistance unit. The mother's net nonexempt income of \$300 exceeds the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care for one (\$288.00).

Questions regarding the information in this letter should be directed to Jim Mullany, AFDC Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2655.



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