



POLICY CHANGE ALERT #16-018F

TITLE: COUNTABLE INCOME OF INELIGIBLE NONCITIZEN SIBLINGS

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Summary

Programs Impacted: CA

This Policy Change Alert is being issued to inform staff that a correction has been made to Cash Assistance (CA) Policy. The second bullet in the exception box has been removed.

The income of ineligible noncitizen siblings of a dependent child who is included in the budgetary unit is countable in the CA Needy Family test. Although ineligible noncitizen siblings are not coded IN for CA benefits, they are considered mandatory participants of the needy family.

Revision Details

The FAA Policy Manual will be updated to include the information in this Policy Change Alert during one of the next bimonthly revisions. Until then, an alert will be placed in each revised section with a link to this document as a reminder of the policy change.

POLICY REFERENCE: FAA4.I04A – CA SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF INCOME

The income of participants is counted in full whether their needs are included or not.

Participants who are disqualified, or otherwise ineligible for a cash benefit, have their gross income counted in full toward the needs of the budgetary unit.

A participant who meets one of the following criteria is considered disqualified and is coded DI in the PT field on SEPA:

- Noncompliant with the [SSN Enumeration Requirement](#)
- [Nonqualified Noncitizen](#)
- [CA Fleeing Felon](#)
- [Felony Drug Conviction](#) on or after 08/23/96
- [Voluntary Job Quit](#) - reduction in work effort

A participant who meets one of the following criteria is considered disqualified and is coded DF in the PT field on SEPA:

- [Intentional Program Violation](#)
- Convicted of making fraudulent statements to receive benefits in multiple states



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A participant who meets one of the following criteria is considered ineligible, their needs are not included in the budgetary unit but their income is counted in full:

- [Unwed Minor Parent](#) policy (coded UM in the PT field on SEPA).
- Nonqualified noncitizen (coded DI in the PT field on SEPA).

The sponsor (and the sponsor's spouse), when living with the sponsored [Qualified Noncitizen](#), do not have their needs included in the budgetary unit; however, their income is countable in FULL. (See [Sponsor Income Budgeting](#))

EXCEPTION

Income of the following CA participants is NOT COUNTABLE:

- Specified relatives who are not included in the budgetary unit or who are not required to have their income counted.
- A child who is not included in the budgetary unit due to receipt of [foster care payments](#), [lack of deprivation](#), [benefit capped children](#), etc.
- A child who meets the [dependent child earnings](#) criteria.

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