05 Grant Diversion - Overview

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Grant Diversion is a non-recurring payment that can be received ONLY once in a 12-month period. Participants do not apply for Grant Diversion. CA participants are screened for potential Grant Diversion eligibility during the application process or during the CA interview.

A potential Grant Diversion participant must complete an employability assessment with a TANF Service Coordinator (TSC) during the initial CA interview. The employability assessment occurs in person or by telephone.

The following apply to the Grant Diversion option:

- The payment is NOT COUNTABLE unearned income for FS and MA.
- The purpose of the Grant Diversion payment is to divert the CA applicant from on-going CA when the applicant is likely to gain full-time employment within 90 days, as determined by the TSC during the employability assessment.
- Grant Diversion participants are an FS <u>Basic categorically eligible</u> budgetary unit for the three month Grant Diversion approval period.
 - NOTE When the three month Grant Diversion approval period ends, the budgetary unit is no longer a Basic categorically eligible budgetary unit. When the budgetary unit is determined to be eligible for ongoing FS benefits, <u>Expanded categorical eligibility</u> may apply.

- Grant Diversion months are not countable towards the <u>Lifetime</u> <u>Benefit Limit</u>.
- The CA Family Benefit Cap Period (CA FBCP) applies.
- Grant Diversion participants are exempt from:

DCSE cooperation

The referral process for the <u>JOBS Program Preliminary Orientation</u> (JPPO)

The three day TPEP participation

Policy and procedures regarding Grant Diversion are outlined as follows:

- Grant Diversion Eligibility Determination
- Grant Diversion Process
- Grant Diversion Keying Procedures
- Budgeting Grant Diversion Payments
- Authorizing the Grant Diversion payment
- Supplemental CA Payments
- <u>Need Standards Overview</u>
- <u>TCC Eligibility</u>
- Grant Diversion Changes