

05 **Grant Diversion - Overview**

Grant Diversion is a nonrecurring 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. See [CA New Application Time Frames](#) for the legally required Grant Diversion time frames.

A potential Grant Diversion participant must complete an employability assessment with a TANF Service Coordinator (TSC) during the initial CA or TPEP 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 NA 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 NA [Basic categorically eligible](#) 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 NA benefits, [Expanded categorical eligibility](#) may apply.

- Grant Diversion months are not countable towards the [Lifetime Benefit Limit](#).
- The CA Family Benefit Cap Period (CA FBCP) applies.
- Grant Diversion participants are exempt from:
[DCSE cooperation](#)

The referral process for the [JOBS Program Preliminary Orientation](#) (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 Time Frames](#)
- [Grant Diversion Keying Procedures](#)
- [Budgeting Grant Diversion Payments](#)
- [Authorizing the Grant Diversion payment](#)
- [Need Standards Overview](#)
- [Transitional Child Care \(TCC\) Eligibility](#)
- [CA Employed Child Care](#)
- [Grant Diversion Changes](#)