

02 **Cash Assistance Payment Determination - Overview**

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Under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, federal funds are available in block grants to states for the purpose of providing temporary Cash Assistance (CA) to needy families with eligible dependent children.

Participants must apply, complete an interview, and be determined [prospectively eligible](#) in order to receive CA benefits.

Prospective eligibility consists of meeting required [eligibility factors](#) along with the following income tests:

- [CA Needy Family Test](#)
- [CA Payment Standard Test](#)

When all eligibility factors and income tests have been met, participants are considered to be prospectively eligible.

Participants are required to complete the [CA renewal process](#) for continuing eligibility.

In addition to meeting income and other eligibility factors, participants are obligated to specific [reporting requirements](#). (See [Changes](#) for additional policy and procedures)

NOTE One of the following edit messages displays when CA has been processed through AFPD:

- IS ELIGIBLE - AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED
- NOT ELIGIBLE - SEE SCREEN AFED

Policy and procedures regarding CA payment determination are outlined as follows:

- [Determining Prospective Eligibility](#)
- [CA Initial Months Special Rules](#)
- [Grant Diversion](#)
- [Prorating New Application Benefits](#)
- [CA Payments Under \\$10](#)
- [CA Renewal Process](#)
- [CA Employed Child Care](#)
- [CA Ineligible Date](#)
- [Transitional Child Care \(TCC\)](#)