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   PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

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RE: POC INCOME ELIGIBILITY

PROGRAM AFFECTED: PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY: This action transmittal clarifies Child Care Administration policy and procedures for determining income eligibility.

ACTION REQUIRED: If a family is NOT receiving either TCA or SSI, total family income must be within the eligibility limits for the appropriate family size.

CALCULATION OF INCOME

1. Determine which household member’s income is counted.

2. Request documentation for each household member with income so the 4 most recent weeks of pay are verified. The frequency of pay determines the necessary documentation required:
   - Weekly pay requires 4 pay stubs.
   - Biweekly pay requires 2 pay stubs.
   - Monthly pay requires 1 pay stub. (You may request 2 pay stubs to determine if monthly income is consistent.)
- Less than 12 months of annual income requires either a tax return or a written statement of earnings from the employer that defines the annual pay. The income is to be averaged for a 12-month period. Examples include: a teacher or a school bus driver.

- An employer’s written statement of earnings and work schedule can be accepted for a new employee. The statement must include the gross income and the frequency of pay.

3. Descriptions of non-standard income which do not fit the above categories are found in the Purchase of Care Desk Guide (2001 Revision).

**CCAMIS PROCEDURES:** For each household member with income, indicate on the INCOME WORKSHEET to whom the income belongs, the type of income, the dollar amount, the frequency of receipt and whether or not the income has been verified.

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