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451 ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

Eligibility for APA is always determined prospectively. This means that the case worker must anticipate what financial and nonfinancial circumstances are likely to exist in the benefit month and determine the applicant's or recipient's eligibility for that month based on those expected circumstances. After prospective eligibility is determined, the APA benefit amount is calculated. (Refer to [chapter 452](#) for the policy on APA benefit calculations.)

451-1 INCOME ELIGIBILITY

To be found income eligible for APA, an applicant or recipient must have a total monthly countable income (including countable income of a spouse or alien sponsor) that, after rounding, is equal to or less than the appropriate APA need standard. Income is rounded up to the nearest whole dollar from \$.50 and rounded down to the nearest whole dollar from \$.49.

The appropriate APA need standard is determined by the applicant's or recipient's living arrangement. (Refer to [section 450](#) for the policy on living arrangements. Refer to [Addendum 1](#) for APA need standards.)

Countable income is the amount of income remaining after all possible income allocations and exclusions have been applied to the applicant's or recipient's income, and to the income of the applicant's or recipient's spouse or alien sponsor, if applicable. (Refer to [sections 440, 441, 442, and 443](#) for APA income-counting policy. Refer to [section 460](#) for APA financial deeming policy.)

451-2 INTERIM ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

The same income eligibility procedure that applies to an APA applicant or recipient also applies to individuals who are otherwise eligible to receive Interim Assistance. Once an individual is determined eligible for Interim Assistance, he or she remains income-eligible as long as his or her countable income, after rounding, is equal to or less than the appropriate APA need standard.

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