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DWP, MFIP & GA

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DIVERSIONARY WORK PROGRAM (DWP)



- DWP is a 4 month state funded cash program.
 - Excluded TANF time from 60 month MFIP maximum.
 - Employment counselor
 - Transportation to job search
 - Daycare

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DWP Eligibility:



- Clients that have not received MFIP within 12 months prior to application date.
- Clients new to the state of Minnesota.
 - 30 day residency requirement.
- Clients must be able to work 20 plus per week.
- CM0013.05 DWP Bases of Eligibility


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DWP GRANT DETERMINATION

Household size.

Income


Household costs:
Mortgage/rent, Utility bills and phone bill in clients name.



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Income received after DWP approval


- Income received after DWP approval from Unemployment, Child Support or a new job will not decrease the DWP cash amount through the 4th month of eligibility.



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CHILD SUPPORT IMPACT

- No change to cash grant regardless of amount received




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MFIP

- MFIP is a 60 month life time maximum per client paid out in federal and state funding.
- CM 0011.30

- MFIP includes cash, food support and housing grant of \$110.00
- CM 0013.03.09 MFIP HOUSING GRANT

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MFIP Eligibility

- Defines a family as:
 - Minor child or group related to each other
 - Siblings, step and half siblings
 - Adoptive or step parents
- CM 0013.03

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MFIP GRANT DETERMINATION




- Income
 - Earned and unearned income minus excluded income.

- House hold size.

- Housing costs are excluded.
- CM 0017

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Types of income:



<p>EARNED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disregard 1st \$65.00 of gross income plus half of remaining earned income • CM 0018.18 	<p>UNEARNED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFIP/DWP will disregard up to \$100 for one child. With 2 or more children will disregard up to \$200 • CM 0017.15.03 Dollar for dollar in most cases. CM 0017.12.03
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Estimating child support impact




- HH size 4 1a 3c

- 621.00 MFIP
- 586.00 FOOD
- 110.00 HOUSING GRANT.

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CHILD SUPPORT APPROVAL.


- \$100.00
- No change.
- 621.00 MFIP
- 586.00 FOOD
- 110.00 HOUSING GRANT



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CHILD SUPPORT APPROVAL


- \$500 Child support
- \$200.00 disregard
- 321.00 MFIP
- 586.00 FOOD
- 110.00 HOUSING GRANT



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Housing grant impact

- None
 - Child support will not be deducted from housing grant.



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General Assistance (GA)

What is GA?
 GA Assistance Standards
 What are the GA Basis of Eligibility?
 How is unearned income calculated as income received and as a deduction?

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General Assistance (GA)


- State program that provides cash assistance to single or childless couples who are not eligible for federally funded assistance programs, but who are unable to provide for themselves.
- Monthly cash grant for basic living needs if they are unable to work due to illness, disability or other specified reasons.

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Budgeting

- Unearned Income
 - No Standard Disregard


- **Child Support – Arrears**
- Spousal Support
- Income from Parents of GA children
- Spouse not applying for GA
- Gift
- Winnings



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Scenario: Unearned Income, receiving child support


- Mary Smith is a household of one and received **\$150** in arrears child support in the month of July.
- How is this calculated?
 - **\$203 - \$150 = \$53**
- In the month of September GA = **\$53**.



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Scenario: Unearned Income, paying child support

- Charles is a household of one and pays Mary **\$100** monthly direct child support.
- This will not affect Charles GA grant however it could potentially help in increasing his SNAP benefits if he's not already reached the top grant amount for a household of his size.



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