PREGNANCY SPECIAL NEEDS/AID BASED ON Number: 100- D2

**PREGNANCY** 

**Pregnant Woman** 

Approved: **Signature on file** Date: 08/03 (R6/06)

**Purpose** To provide instructions on evaluating eligibility for the

Pregnancy Special Needs (PSN) when:

There are other eligible children in the Assistance Unit

(AU)

There are no eligible children in the AU

**DEFINITION** A woman (including a minor) who has provided medical

verification of pregnancy to the county.

Pregnancy Verification Medical verification must be received prior to allowing the

PSN payment and when the pregnancy continues beyond the originally estimated date of birth, however, it does not affect the beginning date of aid. The verification must:

Be signed by a physician, physician's assistant, state certified nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, or by designated

medical or clinic personnel.

Include sufficient information to determine the anticipated

month of birth.

**Third Trimester** The beginning of the third month immediately prior to the

month of anticipated birth and continuing through the month

of birth.

#### PREGNANCY SPECIAL NEED - OTHER ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN THE AU

PSN - Eligible Applicant

An eligible pregnant woman who applies for CalWORKs as part of an AU with other eligible children is entitled to receive PSN from the date of application through the end of the quarter in which the child is to be born, once required verification has been provided.

If the birth is voluntarily reported mid-quarter, discontinue the PSN at the end of the month prior to the month the newborn child is added to the AU. The newborn is added to the AU the first month following the month the birth is reported.

If the birth of the child is reported mid-quarter, but adding the newborn would not result in an increase to the cash grant due to application of MFG rules, the PSN shall continue to the end of the guarter in which the birth was expected.

#### **PSN- Eligible Recipient**

An eligible pregnant woman who receives CalWORKs assistance, as part of an AU with other eligible children, shall be authorized PSN payments from the first of the month in which the county receives the medical verification through the end of the quarter in which the child is to be born.

If the birth is voluntarily reported mid-quarter, discontinue the PSN at the end of the month prior to the month the newborn child is added to the AU The newborn is added to the AU the first month following the month the birth is reported.

If the birth of the child is reported mid-quarter, but adding the newborn would not result in an increase to the cash grant due to application of MF rules, the PSN shall continue to the end of the quarter in which the birth was expected

# PSN Payment Eligibility

In addition to the CalWORKs grant, a \$47 PSN payment shall be authorized for an eligible pregnant woman who has provided medical verification.

The following pregnant woman is not eligible to PSN:

Excluded mother.

CalWORKs sanctioned.

Timed Out Adult.

The following pregnant woman is eligible to PSN:

CalWORKs penalized.

**Note:** PSN cannot be used to offset overpayments.

Multiple PSN

Allow the \$47 PSN even when multiple births are anticipated.

Allow the \$47 PSN for each pregnancy of an AU member.

**Birth Earlier than the EDC** When the birth is earlier than the EDC, the \$47 PSN cannot be retroactively issued.

**Example:** EDC is September. PSN allowed beginning in June

If the baby is born in August, a PSN is not retroactively allowed for May.

Birth Later than the When the pregnancy continues beyond the EDC, the PSN shall

**EDC** 

continue through the end of the quarter in which the birth is expected. Verification is required when the pregnancy continues beyond the quarter.

& Children)

WIC (Women, Infants, Give Form F042-20.2402 WIC Works Wonders (Attachment 1) to the pregnant woman.

Make a notation of WIC referral in the case comments.

**Special Diet** 

There is no special diet payment for pregnancy. There could be eligibility t

**Payment** 

other special needs payments. See MPP 44-211.

**Budgeting PSN Payments** 

The PSN is included in:

Applicant/Recipient Financial Eligibility Test.

The PSN is not included in:

Overpayment adjustments.

#### AID BASED ON PREGNANCY - NO OTHER ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN THE AU

AU of One Without an Eligible Child

When a pregnant woman meets all of the following conditions, an AU of one without an eligible child, shall be established:

Medical verification of pregnancy is provided to the county, and

The pregnancy has reached the three-month period before the month of anticipated birth (except Cal-Learn teens) and

The pregnant woman and the unborn would be eligible for CalWORKs, and

The pregnant woman could not be included in another AU.

**PSN - Eligible Applicant** 

AU of One

A pregnant woman with no other eligible children who applies for CalWORKs only receive CalWORKs and the PSN in her third trimester and continuing th the end of the quarter in which the child is to be born, once required verificat been provided.

If the birth is voluntarily reported mid-quarter, the PSN is discontinued at the the month prior to the month the newborn child is added to the AU. The new added to the AU the first month following the month the birth is reported.

If the birth of the child is reported mid-quarter, but adding the newborn would

result in an increase to the cash grant due to application of MFG rules, the P shall continue to the end of the quarter in which the birth was expected.

See Attachment 2 Aid Based on Pregnancy Eligibility Chart to determine the month of eligibility for PSN.

Note: An RCA pregnant woman is eligible to CalWORKs PSN at the beginni the third trimester.

## **Cal-Learn Pregnant** Teen AU of One

A pregnant teen with no other children (AU of one) who has entered the Calprogram is eligible for CalWORKs and PSN payment from the date of applica through the end of the quarter in which the child is to be born.

If the birth of the child is reported mid-quarter, the PSN is deleted at the end month prior to the month the newborn child is added to the AU. The newborn added to the AU the first month following the month the birth is reported.

If the birth of the child is reported mid-quarter, but adding the newborn would result in an increase to the cash grant due to application of MFG rules, the P shall continue to the end of the quarter in which the birth was expected.

# Child - Father In the Home

**Deprivation for Unborn** When the father of the unborn is in the home, deprivation is usually incapacit unemployment.

## Incapacity

The parent of an unborn/eligible child has a physical or mental illness, defect impairment that reduces substantially, or eliminates the parent's ability to sur care for the child for a period which is expected to last at least 30 days and v supported by acceptable verification of incapacity. See MPP 41-430 Depriva to Incapacity.

## Unemployment

The principal earner (PE) must meet all requirements for federal unemploym See CalWORKs Policy 100-D1 and MPP 41-440 Unemployment Parent Programme Prog

# **Deprivation** for Unborn Not in the Home

**Absent Parent** 

Child - Father Client's statement on the CalWORKs application establishes parent deprivation. An Alternately Sentenced Parent (ASP) v serving jail time at home is considered absent for deprivation purposes.

> Note: Defer sending child support referrals for "unborn child" pregnant women and minor parent cases until after the child See 100-A1 Child Support.

**Beginning Date** of Aid (BDA)

The BDA is the date of application, or the date of eligibility if the AU is not eligible on the date of application.

Deprivation for

Pregnancy verification must be provided prior to authorizing action but does not affect the BDA.

Immediate Need/Homeless Assistance (IN/HA) cannot be authorized until the pregnancy is verified.

The AU

AU consists of the pregnant woman only.

Allow the \$47 PSN even when multiple births are anticipated.

Anticipated relinquishment does not affect eligibility.

The father is not included in the AU.

and Property

Father's Income When the unaided father of the unborn is in the home with a pregnant woman who is in an AU of one without an eligible child, the father is an excluded parent.

> Treat his income in accordance with policy statement MPP 44-133.5

Consider property and resources in the eligibility determination.

Medi-Cal Information

The mother may be eligible to Postpartum coverage if the pregnancy is terminated.

WIC (Women, Infants. & Children)

Give Form F042-20.2402 WIC Works Wonders (Attachment 1) to the pregnant woman.

Make a notation of WIC referral in the case comments

Special Diet **Payment** 

There is no special diet payment for pregnancy. There could be eligibility to other special needs payments. See MPP 44-211.

Attachment Attachment 1 – WIC Works Wonders

Attachment 2 – Aid Based on Pregnancy Eligibility Chart

References

MPP 44.133.5; 44-205; MPP 44-211.6; MPP 44-315.46; 44-

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317.2; 44-318.15 & .16; 82-836.1&2;

ACL 00-45; ACL 03-18

ACIN I-39-06

CalWIN Correspondence:

M82-820A Denial Case, No Eligible Person in the Home

M40-105.1 Denial, IN/No Alien Status/Pregnancy Verification

M44-211L Increase, PSN Added