

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MANUAL	
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500.1 Availability

- A. To the extent that resources permit, TDAP pays eligible individuals a benefit amount of up to \$215 a month, minus any countable unearned income.
1. In calculating eligibility for TDAP, reduce the benefit amount dollar-for-dollar for any unearned income.
 2. Do not prorate the benefit for the initial month.

Examples:

Mr. E applies for TDAP July 17th. He has no income, and meets all other program requirements on August 10th. He is eligible for a full benefit amount of \$215 monthly starting the month of July.

Mr. P applies for TDAP June 25th. He receives \$150 monthly from the Veterans Administration (VA) and meets all other program requirements July 10th. Mr. P is eligible for a benefit amount of \$65 monthly ($\$215 - \$150 = \65), starting the month of July.

Mr. N applies for TDAP. He receives \$150 monthly to sell newspapers. His income is considered earned income and he is therefore ineligible for TDAP.

- B. Terminate TDAP eligibility if the individual:
1. No longer meets the technical eligibility or need requirements, or
 2. Leaves the State for more than 1 month.

C. Lost or Stolen Benefits.

The local department may not issue replacement benefits when the benefits are issued through the electronic benefits transfer system.

500.2 Payee

- A. A payee is:
1. The eligible individual,
 2. A judicially appointed legal representative, guardian, trustee, or committee, or
 3. A representative payee appointed by the local department.
- B. An eligible individual may not be the payee if:

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1. The medical diagnosis identifies an active medical condition of alcoholism or drug addiction, and
 2. The recipient is not actively participating in a treatment program or in remission from active substance abuse.
- C. An individual selected as a representative payee may not be:
1. Family Investment Program staff,
 2. An individual with a known substance abuse problem,
 3. An entity that deals with eligible individuals for a profit, which would create a conflict of interest, or
 4. An individual or religious organization that violates the eligible individual's bona fide religious beliefs and practices.
- D. At each application, appropriate supervisory staff must review and approve initial and subsequent decisions and plans for payments to the representative payee appointed by the local department.
- E. Terminate protective payments when they are no longer required.