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:
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.