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EFFECTIVE DATE	The following policy additions or changes are effective 04/03/2024 unless otherwise noted. Underlined text denotes new text. Text with a strike through it denotes deleted text.
POLICY UPDATES	
3.2 Financial	Clarified information to identify which members of the household will have their income and assets counted to determine financial eligibility.
3.2.1.2 Income Tests	Clarified policy due to the Fair Hearing decision and added subsections for readability.
3.2.1.2.1 Group Size	New section.
3.2.1.2.2 Gross Income Test	New section.
3.2.1.2.3 Net Income (Assistance Standard) Test	New section.

3.2.4	Benefit Amount	New section.
5.2.6	CTS Benefit Amounts	Updated the title of the Group Size column to be consistent with new material in section 3.2.

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3.2 Financial

After determining non-financial eligibility for CTS, the financial ~~situation~~ eligibility of the household is considered. When determining initial or ongoing financial eligibility for CTS, both income and assets ~~are counted. Income and assets of any members of the assistance group~~ of non-financially eligible children and other members of the Standard Filing Unit (see Section 3.1.1 Standard Filing Unit (SFU)) are counted. Income and assets of a child-in-common in the home and their parent who is not receiving SSI are also counted when determining financial eligibility, unless they are excluded under Buening (see Section 3.3 Buening Cases – Special Rules for Two Parent Cases). Income and assets of any members of the household who receive SSI are disregarded.

If the household passes the financial eligibility tests, the amount of CTS benefits to be issued are based on the number of non-financially eligible children.

3.2.1 Income

3.2.1.2 Income Tests

Each group applying for CTS must pass two income tests as described in this section.

3.2.1.2.1 Group Size

The determination of income eligibility and benefit amount depends on the group size. For income eligibility, the group size is based on the number of all non-financially eligible children under age 19. It also includes any non-financially ineligible children-in-common in the home, their half siblings, and their parent who is not receiving SSI, unless the children-in-common are excluded under Buening (see Section 3.3 Buening Cases – Special Rules for Two Parent Cases).

3.2.1.2.2 Gross Income Test

The Gross Income Test compares the gross income to the gross income limit for the group size (see SECTION 5.2 INCOME TABLES(+)). This test looks at gross deemed, earned, and unearned income before applying any disregards, including earned income of minors who are students. A CTS assistance group (AG) must first pass the Gross Income Test before proceeding to the Net Income Test. Failing the Gross Income Test makes the household ineligible for CTS.

3.2.1.2.3 Net Income (Assistance Standard) Test

The Net Income Test compares the income that remains after certain deductions to the Net Income Limit, or Assistance Standard for the group size (see SECTION 5.2 INCOME TABLES). ~~(5.2 Income Tables).~~ Deductions from gross income that are allowed in this test include:

1. \$90 work-related expense for each employed/-self-employed individual.
2. Dependent care deduction of \$200 per month for each child under the age of 2 and \$175 per month for each incapacitated adult and each child age 2 or older.
3. Disregard of \$30 or \$30 and ~~1/3~~ one-third of earned income (when applicable).

4. Child support paid to someone outside of the ~~assistance group~~ AG.

The Net Income Test includes the income of all minors, regardless of their school status or number of hours of employment, at application for CTS. ~~For~~ However, for employed minors who have received CTS in one of the previous four months, use the following to determine how to count earned income:

1. Do not count the employment income of full-time students, regardless of the number of hours worked per week.
2. Do not count the employment income of part-time students working less than 30 hours per week.
3. Count the employment income, ~~but apply \$90 and \$30 and 1/3 disregards,~~ of any part-time student working 30 hours or more per week but apply \$90 and \$30 and one-third disregards.
4. Count the employment income, of any minor who is not in school but apply \$90 and \$30 and ~~1/3~~ one-third disregards, ~~of any minor.~~

A household that ~~is not in school~~ fails the Net Income Test is ineligible for CTS.

3.2.4 Benefit Amount

When a household passes all the financial tests, the CTS benefit amount is based on the number of non-financially eligible children (see SECTION 5.2.6 CTS BENEFIT AMOUNTS).

5.2 Income Tables

5.2.6 CTS Benefit Amounts

Group Size <u>Number of</u> <u>Non-financially</u> <u>Eligible Children</u>	Area I and Area II
1	\$275
2	\$440
3	\$605
4	\$770
5	\$935
6	\$1,100
7	\$1,265
8	\$1,430
9	\$1,595
10	\$1,760
11	\$1,925
12	\$2,090