

Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program Policy Manual

Chapter 7. Family Definition and Determining Income Eligibility

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- vii. pay for leave including sick, vacation, or holiday leave should be counted when it is paid at the regular rate of pay and covers the time when the applicant/recipient would typically work. If the applicant/recipient worked during a holiday at a higher rate of pay, the child care worker should assess if this pay is representative.

NOTE: Child care workers should not count mileage or per diem when listed on a recipient's pay stub.

2. Gross income from taxable self-employment income after deductions made for business expenses and any other expense that is deductible for purposes of federal or state tax returns;
3. Social Security benefits (includes social security pensions, survivors' benefits for both children and adults, and permanent disability insurance payments). **The gross benefit amount is countable for SCCA before any deductions are taken out of the Social Security benefit.**
4. Dividends, interest (on savings or bonds), income from estates or trusts, royalties, adjusted gross rental income on houses, stores or other property. Adjusted gross rental income is defined as the rental income remaining after allowable expenses, such as mortgage interest, property taxes, insurance, maintenance, and repairs, have been deducted.
5. Pensions and annuities paid directly by an employer or union or through an insurance company.
6. Workers' compensation.