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Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

CHAPTER 200 – Income: Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Categories

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200.07.38 REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA), CUBAN AND HAITIAN ENTRANT CASH ASSISTANCE (CHECA)

Refugee Cash Assistance and Cuban and Haitian Entrant Cash Assistance are federally funded programs that make ongoing needs-based payments to refugees during their first 8 months in the United States. The payments are made by the state or local government according to AFDC standards and rules, although there need not be a child involved. RCA and CHECA payments are federally-funded income based on need and unless excluded under a PASS, are counted dollar for dollar as income under IBON policy. The \$50/\$20 general income exclusion does not apply.

200.07.39 REFUGEE RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT GRANTS

Federal funds are provided to national voluntary refugee resettlement agencies such as Catholic Charities or the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which provide services (including food, clothing and shelter) related to initial resettlement of new refugees. Assistance involving these funds will usually be received during the first 30 days after the refugee arrives in this country. Refugee reception and placement grants are provided by the Department of State. Refugee matching grants are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Assistance involving a refugee reception and placement grant or a refugee-matching grant is subject to the general rules pertaining to income and income exclusions.

200.07.40 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANTS

The Department of Health and Human Services makes community service block grants to States to provide a broad range of services and activities to assist low-income individuals and alleviate the causes of poverty in a community. States may subsequently make grants or enter into contracts with private nonprofit organizations or political subdivisions.

Assistance involving community service block grants is subject to the general rules pertaining to income.