Policy Clarification – Other PO-21166-700

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Subject: State Blind Pension Individuals with Income or Resources

Question: Should the Electronic Client Information System (eCIS) calculate the

resource and income eligibility for a State Blind Pension (SBP) applicant/recipient when authorizing a case or processing a

renewal/Semi-Annual Renewal?

Response By: Division of Family Assistance Date: 12/19/2022

No. The Income Maintenance Case Worker (IMCW) must manually calculate the resource and income eligibility for the SBP Cash and Medical categories (B 00, SBP 00, SBP 80). The IMCW must also manually calculate the SBP Cash benefit amount. These actions are recorded on the PA 21-BI Computation sheet for SBP.

The SBP is a special program request in eCIS. The special program request module does not perform an Eligibility Determination/Benefit Calculation. The eligibility results in eCIS will not reflect any resources or income calculations and will always reflect a "Pass" result.

If the applicant/recipient is over the resource or income limit for SBP, the IMCW will need to override the eligibility result from pass to fail and generate the proper notice.

If the recipient failed to report income or resources, the County Assistance Office will review for an overpayment per SHB 700.9.

If a recipient has been improperly receiving SBP because the agency failed to do the manual eligibility computation in the past, there is no overpayment per SHB 700.91.

Medical Assistance eligibility will be reviewed in all instances. See <u>SHB 700.7</u>.

See Guidance in SHB 700.