

Hotline Focus



q I have an applicant with earned income who has never received AFDC before. What do I enter in the 30 and 1/3 block?

a Put nothing in the 30 and 1/3 block. PACES checks for prior eligibility to determine when it applies the 30 and 1/3 disregard.

q I have an AFDC client with earned income who is applying for Emergency Assistance. Should I count her gross earned income *plus* the AFDC grant to calculate financial eligibility for Emergency Assistance?

a Yes, you do count the gross earned income plus AFDC grant when determining financial eligibility for EA. See Section 309.020 in the *AFDC Policy Manual*.

q One of my AFDC recipients lives in a development that received a mortgage subsidy during construction, but she does not have a subsidy for her rent. Is she eligible for a rent allowance?

a Yes, unless she has a Section 8, MRVP or other rental subsidy for her apartment, she is entitled to a rent allowance. See Section 305.910 in the *AFDC Policy Manual* and CM-88-8 for further information on rent allowance eligibility.

q An uncle who has made a gift under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act of \$2000 to his niece, a recipient of AFDC, is the custodian of the fund. Is this money a countable asset?

a No, it is not, provided the uncle is not a member of the AFDC filing unit. This fund is inaccessible. See Section 304.125 in the *AFDC Policy Manual* for the definition and treatment of inaccessible assets.

q A mother and child have applied for AFDC. The mother was sponsored by a relative two years ago when she came to the U.S. Her infant daughter was born here and is a U.S. citizen. Do I count the sponsor's deemed income and assets to the entire assistance unit or just to the mother?

a You count the sponsor's deemed income and assets just in determining the mother's eligibility. Since the child is a U.S. citizen, she is not subject to the alien sponsor deeming rules. If the mother is determined ineligible because of the sponsor's deemed income and/or assets, you must determine the child's eligibility for AFDC. See Section 303.521 in the *AFDC Policy Manual* for the alien sponsor-deeming regulations.