

SACWIS Overview of Title IV-E Eligibility and Reimbursability
Friday February 9, 2018
Questions and Answers

If your Agency has questions pertaining to the Title IV-E Eligibility and Reimbursability functionality in SACWIS, please feel free to contact:

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Question: What are some examples of the age verifications needed?

Answer: Some examples include a birth certificate or court order.

Question: Where is income and resource information entered in SACWIS?

Answer: This information is entered on the Person Profile. You can either do a person search or click one of the edit buttons within the eligibility record. Once there, select the Employment link on the left-hand navigation.

Question: Why would a user choose not to include income in the eligibility determination?

Answer: For example, in a situation where a child is removed from a specified relative acting in place of a parent, or if the person is receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Question: What is the definition of IPV?

Answer: This is an Intentional Program Violation. Please refer to OAC 5101:6-20-02 for the definition.

Question: In what circumstance, would an "ongoing" eligibility determination type be used?

Answer: This option will be available if ALL conditions below exist:

- i. A completed initial eligibility record exists for the most recent custody episode.
- ii. The person's custody episode began as either a VAC or Permanent Surrender.
- iii. A pending eligibility record DOES NOT exist for the most recent custody episode.

An Ongoing record effective date cannot be greater than:

The 31st day from the effective date of the VAC

OR

The 181st day from the effective date of the Permanent Surrender

Question: If a case participant receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), should he/she be added to the Standard Filing Unit (SFU) for the eligibility determination?

Answer: No, he/she should not be added to the SFU.

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Question: Why might reimbursability be overridden after a person was determined to be reimbursable?

Answer: If there is an invalid removal where a child is determined program eligible and yet was not physically removed at the point of receiving custody, even in a verbal order, and left the child in the removal home. If the annual reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan court order does not contain the appropriate language.

Question: Should the OIES Inquiry be completed prior to determining program eligibility?

Answer: The OIES Inquiry is used to verify information the caseworker receives from parents (e.g., income, resources, etc.).

Question: Is a copy of the birth certificate adequate, or do we need an original in the file?

Answer: The agency is required to have an official birth certificate from the Office of Vital Statistics on file; however, a copy in the FCM file is fine. The rule is 5101:2-33-23.

Question: Should the income from wages be only the amount received "prior to the removal date" ? Income received after removal is not counted; correct?

Answer: Earned and unearned income is counted in the month of, but prior to, removal. This includes the day of removal.

Question: If a child comes into custody on the 5th day of the month, do we only count income they received for those 5 days?

Answer: Yes; if a child comes into custody on the 5th day of the month, income received for those 5 days is counted.

Question: Do we receive notifications of youth whose eligibility has been terminated due to age?

Answer: Yes. Please ensure your email address is listed on your worker profile to receive the notifications.

Question: Regarding annual reasonable efforts, if we go to court at the 9 month point and reasonable efforts are annotated in the court paper work, would this suffice for the annual reasonable efforts? Would there need to be separate court paperwork showing annual reasonable efforts at the 12-month point?

Answer: It depends on if the language speaks to the efforts the agency has made in the last year towards the permanency goal that was in place. Oftentimes, the annual RE finding is confused with the courts statutory requirement to address the reasonable efforts were made and yet there is a continued need to remain in custody/care and placement.

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Question: Does SACWIS automatically generate the Annual Reasonable Efforts Reimbursability record when it is due?

Answer: Yes, SACWIS will generate a pending Annual Reasonable Efforts Reimbursability record.

Question: Where can I find the rule for annual reasonable efforts reimbursability?

Answer: OAC 5101:2-47-22 and 5101:-2-39-01