Work Incentives Planning Services

Fact Sheet: Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

Supplemental Security Income

# What is it?

Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE) allows Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients, who are students under age 22 and regularly attending school, to earn up to $1,870 per month and still receive a full SSI check! There is an annual limit of $7,550 (2019 amounts).

# How does it work?

To apply for SEIE, provide a letter on school letterhead to the local Social Security office with the following:

* Name of student
* Social Security number
* The amount of time that the student is in school, including dates that they started school and if they are attending summer school

The letter must be written by individuals such as counselors, itinerant teachers, case managers or a school official. A new letter must be submitted every calendar year. SEIE can be used during semester and summer breaks as long as you intend to resume the course of study when the break period ends.

# Why is it important?

Many young people and their families are afraid that working will cause the loss of SSI cash benefits and Medi-Cal. If you qualify, using SEIE allows you to earn a significant amount of money without losing your SSI cash benefit prematurely. Students can increase their income, keep their Medi-Cal, build work experience and achieve greater financial independence!

# Need Help with this Information?

Talk to your Work Incentives Planner (WIP) or another benefits planner for help in determining which SSI work incentives are available to you.

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