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**Summary**

Effective, September 1, 2022, patients age 21-64 residing in Eastern or Western State Hospital are potentially eligible for the Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) program if they meet all other eligibility criteria. If ABD is approved, patients are eligible for a monthly clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) grant up to \$41.62. The 2022 Supplemental Operating Budget includes funding to support this change. This change is the result of a legislative request initiated by CSD and the Department to better support individuals with a mental health disability who reside in Eastern or Western State Hospital, and achieves greater equity within the program by not limiting ABD eligibility for state hospital patients based on age.

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**ABD Clients Residing in Eastern or Western State Hospital**

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**Purpose**

Individuals residing in Eastern or Western State Hospital are potentially eligible for the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) program if they meet all other eligibility criteria per WAC 388-400-0060. If ABD is approved, individuals are eligible for a clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) monthly grant up to \$41.62.

**At Admission:** Eastern and Western State Hospital staff help patients submit ABD cash applications after their admission. Hospital staff will only submit ABD applications for patients who are civilly committed or “not guilty by reason of insanity.” HCS and DDA staff process ABD applications (and recertifications) for patients age 20 or under and age 65 and over (Title 19). CSD staff process applications (and recertifications) for patients age 21-64.

**At Discharge:** Eastern and Western State Hospital staff help patients submit food/cash applications at discharge. HCS and DDA staff process discharge applications (and ABD recertifications) for patients discharging to their services/care. Remaining discharge applications (and ABD recertifications) are processed by CSD staff.

See the following WACs for additional information:

- WAC 388-400-0060: Who is eligible for aged, blind or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?
- WAC 388-400-0070: Who is eligible for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?
- WAC 388-434-0005: How often does the department review my eligibility for benefits?
- WAC 388-449-0001: What are the disability requirements for the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) program?
- WAC 388-449-0150: When does my eligibility for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash benefits end?
- WAC 388-449-0200: Am I eligible for cash assistance for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) while waiting for supplemental security income (SSI)?
- WAC 388-452-0005: Do I have to be interviewed in order to get cash and basic food benefits?
- WAC 388-478-0006: The clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standard for cash assistance.
- WAC 388-478-0033: What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?

**\*Visit the ABD Clients Residing in Eastern or Western State Hospital page in the Social Services Manual for clarifying information\***

## Points of Contact (Staff Only)

## Related Procedures (Staff Only)

- *ABD Inpatient Discharging from a State Hospital*
- *ABD for Inpatient Customers at State Hospitals*
- *ABD Referrals and Documents for Customers Discharging from Eastern or Western State Hospital*
- *ABD Referrals and Documents for Inpatient Customers at Eastern or Western State Hospital*

- *ABD Documents from Eastern or Western State Hospital Received by Non-Designated Social Services Specialists*