

## CAPS Maximum Income Limits

Income limits for CAPS eligibility are set in accordance with the income guidelines established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The federal poverty level (FPL) guidelines are used to set the income limit for families who qualify for the very low-income priority group. The state median income (SMI) guidelines are used to set the income limit for families new to CAPS and for ongoing eligibility and redetermination.

The very low-income limits were set at 150% of the FPL guidelines, and initial eligibility limits were set at 85% of the SMI guidelines from November 1, 2021 through December 15, 2022. This temporary change in the income limits was possible because of additional federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These income limits can be viewed on page 2 of this document.

**Effective December 16, 2022, the CAPS eligibility income limits were restored to standard levels detailed in the table below. The income limits in the table below will be applied to all new applications with an application received date on or after December 16, 2022.**

Family Unit Size	Very Low-Income Priority Group <sup>1</sup>	Initial Eligibility <sup>2</sup>	Ongoing Eligibility and Redetermination <sup>3</sup>
1	\$7,290	\$23,383	\$39,750
2	\$9,861	\$30,577	\$51,981
3	\$12,430	\$37,772	\$64,212
4	\$15,000	\$44,966	\$76,443
5	\$17,570	\$52,161	\$88,673
6	\$20,140	\$59,356	\$100,904
7	\$22,710	\$60,705	\$103,197
8	\$25,280	\$62,054	\$105,491
9	\$27,850	\$63,403	\$107,784
10	\$30,420	\$64,752	\$110,077
11	\$32,990	\$66,101	\$112,371
12	\$35,560	\$67,449	\$114,664

<sup>1</sup>Effective July 1, 2019, the threshold for families in the very low-income priority group is 50% of the federal poverty guidelines, as updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The federal poverty guidelines in this chart are effective for CAPS on March 1, 2023.

<sup>2</sup>The threshold for initial eligibility is 50% of the state median income (SMI). SMI is updated by the federal government before the beginning of each federal fiscal year (October 1). The SMI data in this chart are effective October 1, 2022. This threshold is established by CAPS and is subject to change.

<sup>3</sup>The threshold for ongoing eligibility is 85% of the state median income (SMI). SMI is updated by the federal government before the beginning of each federal fiscal year (October 1). The SMI data in this chart are effective October 1, 2022. This threshold is established by CAPS within federal guidelines and is subject to change.

The income limits in the table below will be applied to all new applications with an application received date on or before December 15, 2022.

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Family Unit Size	Very Low-Income Priority Group <sup>1</sup>	Initial Eligibility <sup>2</sup>	Ongoing Eligibility and Redetermination <sup>3</sup>
1	\$21,870	\$39,750	\$39,750
2	\$29,580	\$51,981	\$51,981
3	\$37,290	\$64,212	\$64,212
4	\$45,000	\$76,443	\$76,443
5	\$52,710	\$88,673	\$88,673
6	\$60,420	\$100,904	\$100,904
7	\$68,130	\$103,197	\$103,197
8	\$75,841	\$105,491	\$105,491
9	\$83,551	\$107,784	\$107,784
10	\$91,261	\$110,077	\$110,077
11	\$98,970	\$112,371	\$112,371
12	\$106,680	\$114,664	\$114,664
<sup>1</sup> Effective July 1, 2019, the threshold for families in the very low-income priority group is 50% of the federal poverty guidelines, as updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. <b>This threshold was set at 150% of the federal poverty guidelines November 1, 2021 through December 15, 2022, due to funding from the ARPA.</b> The federal poverty guidelines in this chart are effective for CAPS as of March 1, 2023.			
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**For more information:**

Federal Poverty Guidelines: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

State Median Income: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/liheap-im-2022-04-state-median-income-estimates-optional-use-ff-2022-and>