



Formal Cash Diversion Programs: Overview

State	Maximum cash payment	Ineligible for another diversion payment	Ineligible for ongoing cash assistance	Exceptions to period of ineligibility for ongoing cash	Provision for recoupment if receives cash w/in specified period
Totals of the 23 states with such programs		10 No 5 Permanently 7 Some time period 1 County discretion (C D)	6 No 15 Some time period 2 C D	8 Yes 8 No 1 C D 6 N/A	8 Yes 6 No 9 No ans (--)
Alaska	Two months' worth of benefits	For 12 months	No	N/A	Yes
Arkansas	Three months' worth of benefits	Permanently	For 100 days	No	--
California	Case-by-case based on need, no maximum	No	No, but the family must chose to pay back the diversion payment or to have the number of months of aid corresponding to the amount of the diversion payment count against their 60-month time limit.	N/A	Yes
Colorado	County discretion	No	County discretion	Yes	No
Connecticut	Three months' worth of benefits	For 12 months	For 3 months	Yes	No
Florida	Two months' worth of benefits	For 60 months	For 3 months	Yes	Yes

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Idaho	Three months' worth of benefits	Permanently	For two times the number of months for which the diversion payment is made (including partial months)	No	--
Iowa	Local discretion	No	For two times the number of days' cash benefits the diversion payment equals	No	--
Kentucky	\$1500	No	For 12 months	Yes	No
Maine	Three months' worth of benefits	Permanently	No	N/A	Yes
Maryland	Three months' worth of benefits	No	For the number of months' cash benefits the diversion payment equals	No	--
Minnesota	Four months' worth of benefits	For 36 months	For up to 4 months, based on the amount of the diversion payment received in relation to the monthly benefit amount	No	--
Montana	Three months' worth of benefits	Permanently	For two times the number of months for which diversion payment is made	No	--
Nevada	\$1000	No	For the period determined by dividing diversion payment by maximum monthly cash payment	Yes	No

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New Jersey	\$1271	No	No, but if the family applies for ongoing cash assistance within 60 days of receiving a diversion payment, the family is considered to have been on cash assistance since receipt of payment, and diversion payment is treated as unearned income.	N/A	No
North Carolina	Three months' worth of benefits	Permanently	No	N/A	Yes
Ohio	County discretion	County discretion	County discretion	C D	--
South Dakota	Two months' worth of benefits	No	For three months	Yes	Yes
Texas	\$1000	No	For 12 months	Yes	No
Utah	Three months' worth of benefits	No	For up to 3 months, based on the amount of the diversion payment in relation to the monthly benefit amount	Yes	Yes
Virginia	Four months' worth of benefits	For 60 months	For 1.33 times the number of days for which assistance is granted	No	--
Washington	\$1500	For 12 months	No, but if the family receives cash assistance within 12 months of receiving a diversion payment, the payment is considered a loan and a prorated portion must be repaid each month.	N/A	Yes

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West Virginia	\$759	For the remainder of the client's 60 months of lifetime benefits	For 3 months	No	--