

Gift Exemptions: Fact Sheet



Starting August 1, 2025, Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) recipients can receive gifts of money up to \$100 per person, or up to \$400 per month per household, without their benefits being affected.

Note: There are no changes to the rules for persons with disabilities enrolled in the Medical Barriers to Full Employment category, who can receive up to a maximum of \$500 in gifts of money each month.

What is changing?



Before August 1, 2025, gifts of money over \$100 per person and recurring gifts would be deducted from EIA benefits.

Now, gifts of money, up to \$100 for each person in the household, can be received each month with no impact to the benefits for a recipient of EIA.

There is a maximum amount of \$400 that can be received for each household each month.

Any money received over the maximum amount per person or per household will be deducted dollar for dollar from your EIA benefits.

Why are we doing this?

People who receive EIA sometimes get gifts of money from family or friends for a variety of reasons, including holidays, milestones, cultural or religious customs, or for support during difficult times.

This change will make sure that people who are given a gift up to a \$100 per person (or \$400 per household) can enjoy their gift without any changes to their benefits.



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