



## Notice About Income and Eligibility Verification System and Work Reporting System



### Read this if you are asking for or get:

#### Cash Assistance:

**Diversionary Work Program**  
**Minnesota Family Investment Program**  
**Refugee Cash Assistance**  
**Minnesota Supplemental Aid**  
**General Assistance**  
**Emergency Assistance**  
**Food Support, or**  
**Minnesota Health Care Programs**

### What is the Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS)?

The government has a way to check income. It is the "Income and Eligibility Verification System" (IEVS).

The law has us check your income with other agencies. We have to check income for all who ask for or get cash assistance, Food Support benefits or Medical Assistance (MA). This includes your children.

We need Social Security Numbers (SSN) for anyone wanting help. If you have no SSN, you must apply for one. Apply with your county human services agency. You must report all SSN's to your worker.

#### What facts will we get? How will we use them?

We check with other agencies about your income, assets and health insurance. If you didn't tell us about all of your income or assets, we will refigure your aid. Your aid might go lower or stop. If you get aid you should not be getting, we may use these facts in civil or criminal lawsuits.

We will tell you if facts from other agencies are not the same as the facts you gave us. We will tell you what facts we got, the kind of income or assets, and the amount. We give you 10 days to respond in writing to prove if our facts are wrong.

We will ask you to show proof of income, assets, or health insurance you did not report or that we could not verify. You may need to give us permission to check the facts with the source of data. We will tell you what happens if you do not sign for permission or do not help us.

#### Agencies we get information from

We must trade facts with these agencies:

- United States Social Security Administration (SSA) - We get records of self-employment earnings, retirement income, survivor's benefits, disability payments, Social Security (RSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) - We get records of unearned income (like interest and dividends).
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) - We get records of wages and pay and facts on Unemployment Insurance.
- Minnesota Office of Child Support Enforcement

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- Agencies in other states which manage:
  - Unemployment Insurance
  - Cash assistance
  - Medical Assistance (MA)
  - Food Support
  - Child support enforcement
  - SSI state supplements

These agencies have the right to get certain facts from us about you. They have to use those facts for programs like RSDI, child support enforcement, cash assistance, MA, Food Support, Unemployment Insurance, and SSI.

## **What is the Work Reporting System?**

Minnesota employers must tell us when they hire someone. This information is used by the Child Support Program. We also use this information to see if a new employee is getting help from any of the programs listed above.

### **How do we use it?**

If the employee is getting help from any of these programs, the county worker gets a notice. If the client did not report the new job, the county worker will contact the client. The county worker may ask the client to show proof about the job. The client may need to give the county permission to check the facts with the employer. If a client does not help us check the information, they will lose benefits.

## **The law limits who gets facts about you**

The law limits the facts about you that we get from other agencies and the facts we give them. Contracts with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and those agencies also protect you. Only those agencies, the state, and the county agency where you apply for and get program benefits can use the facts about you. No one else can get the facts about you without your written permission.

## **Your duty to report**

You **must** report all of your income and assets. You **must** report all facts on the Household Report Form (DHS-2120) or within 10 days of **any** change. You **must** still report on redetermination forms we send you.

You **must** help the county agency check your income, assets and health insurance. IEVS is one way of proving your income, assets and health insurance amounts.

## **What if you do not help**

You must help us check your income, assets and health insurance to get cash assistance, MA, and Food Support. If you don't, you and your family will not get help.

## **Legal Authority**

IEVS - 7 CFR, parts 271, 272, 273, 275; 42 CFR, parts 431, 435; 45 CFR, parts 205, 206, 233

Work Reporting - Minnesota Statutes Section 256.998, Subd. 10

This information is available in other forms to people with disabilities by calling your county worker. For TTY/TDD users, contact your county worker through the Minnesota Relay at 711 or (800) 627-3529. For the Speech-to-Speech Relay, call (877) 627-3848.