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## THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS TO THE SSI/SSP AND CAPI PROGRAMS WOULD AFFECT NEARLY 950,000 CALIFORNIANS

Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) grants help low-income seniors and people with disabilities meet basic living expenses. Governor Schwarzenegger proposes to reduce SSI/SSP grants for individuals to the federal minimum of \$830 per month, a \$15-per-month cut. This proposal would reduce monthly payments for 930,000 SSI/SSP recipients and cause approximately 8,860 recipients who receive small grants to lose their entire grant.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Governor proposes to eliminate the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), which is projected to provide state-funded cash assistance to approximately 10,890 legal immigrants who are not eligible for SSI/SSP payments due to their immigration status in 2010-11. The Governor assumes that both of these reductions would be implemented on June 1, 2010, thereby cutting grants for nearly 950,000 vulnerable Californians by a total of \$306.9 million between June 2010 and June 2011.

State policymakers cut SSI/SSP and CAPI grants three times during 2009. The maximum monthly SSI/SSP grant for individuals was reduced from \$907 to \$845, and the maximum monthly SSI/SSP grant for couples was reduced from \$1,579 to \$1,407.<sup>2</sup> The SSI/SSP grant for couples is now at the minimum level required by federal law and therefore cannot be cut further. SSI/SSP grants are funded with both state and federal dollars, while CAPI grants are funded solely with state dollars.

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<sup>1</sup> The 8,860 estimate includes 88 individuals who receive grants through the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) and would lose their entire grant, irrespective of the Governor's separate proposal to eliminate CAPI.

<sup>2</sup> CAPI payments are equivalent to SSI/SSP payments, less \$10 per month for individuals and \$20 per month for couples.

**Estimated County Impact of Governor's Proposals To Reduce SSI/SSP Grants for Individuals  
and Eliminate the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), June 2010 Through June 2011**

County	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Whose Grant Would Be Reduced	Number of CAPI and SSI/SSP Recipients Who Would Lose Entire Grant	Total Loss of Funds	County	Number of SSI/SSP Recipients Whose Grant Would Be Reduced	Number of CAPI and SSI/SSP Recipients Who Would Lose Entire Grant	Total Loss of Funds
Alameda	38,740	1,620	\$21,193,000	Orange	51,230	960	\$15,565,000
Alpine	30	0	\$5,000	Placer	3,830	60	\$1,029,000
Amador	490	5	\$102,000	Plumas	560	10	\$115,000
Butte	8,330	80	\$1,770,000	Riverside	40,580	570	\$10,283,000
Calaveras	800	10	\$164,000	Sacramento	45,450	1,170	\$17,183,000
Colusa	450	10	\$106,000	San Benito	690	20	\$291,000
Contra Costa	18,420	470	\$6,936,000	San Bernardino	49,650	600	\$11,550,000
Del Norte	1,540	10	\$318,000	San Diego	61,400	860	\$15,540,000
El Dorado	2,230	30	\$499,000	San Francisco	34,610	1,140	\$15,729,000
Fresno	30,860	450	\$7,971,000	San Joaquin	21,190	290	\$5,333,000
Glenn	910	10	\$201,000	San Luis Obispo	3,940	90	\$1,331,000
Humboldt	5,320	50	\$1,123,000	San Mateo	9,860	450	\$5,758,000
Imperial	7,860	90	\$1,755,000	Santa Barbara	7,380	90	\$1,747,000
Inyo	360	3	\$73,000	Santa Clara	34,980	1,080	\$15,127,000
Kern	24,530	260	\$5,309,000	Santa Cruz	4,400	40	\$919,000
Kings	3,610	50	\$856,000	Shasta	7,230	70	\$1,488,000
Lake	2,820	30	\$595,000	Sierra	70	1	\$15,000
Lassen	780	10	\$161,000	Siskiyou	1,970	20	\$406,000
Los Angeles	302,030	7,350	\$109,619,000	Solano	8,740	220	\$3,287,000
Madera	3,640	40	\$799,000	Sonoma	7,310	140	\$2,210,000
Marin	2,850	50	\$866,000	Stanislaus	15,510	310	\$4,877,000
Mariposa	450	4	\$93,000	Sutter	2,800	40	\$739,000
Mendocino	2,970	30	\$611,000	Tehama	2,530	30	\$534,000
Merced	8,140	110	\$2,056,000	Trinity	590	10	\$122,000
Modoc	360	3	\$74,000	Tulare	14,170	180	\$3,403,000
Mono	70	2	\$29,000	Tuolumne	1,300	10	\$268,000
Monterey	6,980	90	\$1,650,000	Ventura	12,220	260	\$4,044,000
Napa	1,780	20	\$407,000	Yolo	4,040	120	\$1,664,000
Nevada	1,450	20	\$311,000	Yuba	3,000	40	\$694,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>930,000</b>	<b>19,750</b>	<b>\$306,906,000</b>

Note: Estimates of the total number of recipients whose grant would be reduced or eliminated come from the Department of Social Services (DSS). Total loss of funds reflects the aggregate grant loss to SSI/SSP and CAPI recipients between June 2010 and June 2011 as estimated by the DSS. SSI/SSP county estimates are based on each county's share of the SSI/SSP caseload and payments in December 2008, the most recent month for which data are available. CAPI county estimates are based on each county's share of the three-month average statewide CAPI caseload for October, November, and December 2009. Estimates of affected recipients are rounded to the nearest 10, except for several small counties. Estimates of loss of funds are rounded to the nearest 1,000. County estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: CBP analysis of Department of Social Services and US Social Security Administration data