

BENEFITS CROSSWALK

Benefit	Description	Potential Impact	Recommendation
CalWorks	Aid and services to eligible families	Risk present: please consult your benefits case worker to discover how GI benefits may interfere with current level of support	Client does a cost-analysis of how much they will lose in benefits and then makes a decision to (not) move forward.
Social Security	Retirement income payable to adults at least 61 years and 9 months old	Low risk: Eligibility is based on previous contributions to Social Security.	Client encouraged to participate, assuming no other benefits concerns.
Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)	Aid to adults who can't work due to a medical condition	Low risk: Eligibility is based on previous contributions to Social Security and inability to work.	Client encouraged to participate, assuming no other benefits concerns.
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Aid to disabled low-income children and adults; also payable to adults at least 65 years old without disabilities who meet financial limits	Impacted: GI payment is considered a gift and counts against eligibility.	Client does a cost-analysis of how much they will lose in SSI, and then makes a decision to (not) move forward.
Unemployment	Temporary aid for adults who lose their job to help them meet expenses while seeking new employment	Low risk: Eligibility is based on earned income.	Recipient encouraged to participate, assuming no other benefits concerns.

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Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	Supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income mothers, and to infants and children up to age five years old at nutritional risk	Low risk: Eligibility is based on income and/or participation in Medi-Cal, CalWorks, and CalFresh.	Confirm potential impact of GI if receiving multiple benefits.
MediCal	Free or low-cost health insurance for low-income children and adults	Low risk: GI is considered a gift from a non-profit organization and therefore is not considered taxable income by the IRS and shouldn't count against MediCal eligibility.	Recipient does not need to report GI payment on taxes; tax assistance provided to ensure accurate reporting.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/CalFresh	Benefit enabling low-income adults and families to purchase eligible food in authorized retail food stores	Impacted: GI payment is considered unearned income and may impact SNAP/CalFresh eligibility. The decrease, however, would not be \$1:\$1 and the process for re-enrolling at the end of the study if the recipient is eligible based on their earned income is straightforward and relatively fast (within 30 days).	Recipient does a cost-analysis of how much they will lose in SNAP, and then makes a decision to (not) move forward.
Public Housing and Section 8 Vouchers	Housing assistance for low-income families, the elderly, and People w/disabilities through government-owned housing or vouchers to be used in the private market	Risk present: Recipient share-of-cost does increase but is reimbursed by the Hold Harmless Fund offered in association with this program	Recipient encouraged to participate, assuming no other benefits concerns.