

# COLORADO WORKS SPONSOR DESK AID

## SPONSOR

Someone who signs an affidavit of support promising to provide enough financial support to maintain the sponsored non-citizen at an annual income that is at least 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). A non-citizen may be sponsored by more than one individual

## DEEMING

A process in which the agency, in determining a Qualified Non-Citizen's eligibility for Colorado Works, counts a portion of the income and resources of a non-citizen's sponsor as income and resources available to the non-citizen.

## QUALIFIED NON-CITIZENS SUBJECT TO SPONSOR DEEMING

All qualified Non-Citizens with legally enforceable affidavits of support (those signed when a non-citizen filed for a visa application or applied for an adjustment to LPR status on or after 12/19/1997) are subject to sponsor deeming. This typically includes:

- Family-sponsored LPRs (including immediate relatives)
- Some employment based LPRs (came to the U.S. to work for relatives or in companies partially owned (more than 5%) by relatives)

## QUALIFIED NON-CITIZENS NOT SUBJECT TO SPONSOR DEEMING

- The non-citizen is a qualified non-citizen who is not a legal permanent resident (i.e. refugees, asylees, parolees and Cuban and Haitian entrants)
- The non-citizen adjusted their status to legal permanent resident from refugee or asylee status
- The non-citizen's sponsor signed the sponsorship agreement prior to December 19, 1997
- The non-citizen is a victim of battery or extreme cruelty (Abuse/Neglect Hardship Exception)
- The total income of the non-citizen and non-citizen's spouse, together with the total income of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse (who is also a sponsor) is less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the household size of both the non-citizen and the sponsor (Indigence Hardship Exception)
- The non-citizen earned or can be credited with 40 qualifying quarters
- The non-citizen was sponsored on an affidavit of support other than the I-864



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Unless the Colorado Works Client meets a sponsor deeming exception\*, the following information will be entered into CBMS and requested via VCL:

- Income of the Sponsor
- Number of people in the Sponsor's household
- Number of individuals sponsored

**\*Note:** If **verified**, will be deemed to the Non-Citizen. If **not verified**, the CW Client will be denied

CBMS will use the data entry of Sponsor income and resources to determine the amount to be deemed.

## INCOME DEEMING

The sponsor's income will be deemed to the Colorado Works Household using the following calculation:

