

maximum amounts on payments or through the reduction of the payment to a percentage of the computed need.

The existence of "unmet need," however, is not of itself a complete measure of the adequacy of assistance payments in a given State. Some States have set relatively low standards of financial need for recipients; such a State, paying 100 percent of recognized need, may be actually paying less adequate assistance than some other States which have higher standards but apply a limitation to the individual payment.

Over one-fourth (26.5 percent) of all APTD recipients had some unmet need; the average monthly amount of unmet need for such cases was \$18. The total amount of unmet need equaled 6 percent of total budgeted requirements of all APTD recipients.