

Coburn #2830 - Add a \$1 million asset test to Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

This amendment would add an asset limit of \$1 million for CCDBG recipients.

Recipients would have to self-certify they do not have assets worth more than \$1 million.

Currently, CCDBG limits assistance to those with incomes under 85 percent of a state's median income. Many states have implemented lower income limits.

However, the program does not currently have a required asset test.

Asset tests play a key role in determining eligibility in other federal programs, including (sometimes at states' discretion):

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Housing assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Hundreds of thousands of children are on waiting lists nationwide. By implementing a commonsense asset test, we can ensure federal assistance is reaching families who are truly in need.

While the amendment would draw the line at \$1 million in assets, nothing in the amendment or bill prevents states from reducing the test threshold (as they can do with income limits as well).