

MFIP Exercise – Answer Key

1. The number of people in the assistance unit
2. The number of mandatory members of the assistance unit.
3. The number of members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP.
4. If any member of the assistance unit is ineligible to receive MFIP, whether the individual's income will be deemed to the assistance unit.

**Hypothetical 1:**

Jane is a single parent with 2 minor children. Jane receives SSI benefits. No other adults or children reside with Jane.

1. The number of people in the assistance unit – There are 3 members of the assistance unit. An assistance unit must include at least 1 minor child or pregnant person. Minn. Stat. 256J. 24, subd. 1. The caregiver must live with the minor child. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 1. The minor child must have a caregiver to be included in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2. Jane is an eligible caregiver. Minn. Stat. 256J.08, subd. 11.
2. The number of mandatory members of the assistance unit. – There are 3 mandatory members in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2 (2), Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2(3).
3. The number of members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. - Jane is not eligible to receive MFIP because she is an SSI recipient. Therefore, there are 2 members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 3(a)(1).
4. If any member of the assistance unit is ineligible to receive MFIP, whether the individual's income will be deemed to the assistance unit. – Jane is a mandatory ineligible assistance unit member. Because Jane is a recipient of SSI benefits her income will not be deemed to the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.37, subd. 1.

### **Hypothetical 2:**

Jane is a single parent of 2 minor children. Jane's oldest child receives SSI benefits. No other adults or children reside with Jane.

1. The number of people in the assistance unit – There are 3 members of the assistance unit. An assistance unit must include at least 1 minor child or pregnant person. Minn. Stat. 256J. 24, subd. 1. The caregiver must live with the minor child. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 1. The minor child must have a caregiver to be included in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2. Jane is an eligible caregiver. Minn. Stat. 256J.08, subd. 11.
2. The number of mandatory members of the assistance unit. – There are 3 mandatory members in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2 (2), Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2(3).
3. The number of members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. – Jane's oldest child is not eligible to receive MFIP because they are a recipient of SSI. Therefore, there are 2 members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. Minn. Stat. 256J.024, subd. 3 (a)(1).
4. If any member of the assistance unit is ineligible to receive MFIP, whether the individual's income will be deemed to the assistance unit. - Because Jane's oldest child is a recipient of SSI benefits their income will not be deemed to the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.37, subd. 1.

### **Hypothetical 3:**

Jane is a single parent with 2 minor children. Last week she was approved for SSDI (aka RSDI) benefits. No other adults or children reside with Jane.

1. The number of people in the assistance unit – There are 3 members of the assistance unit. An assistance unit must include at least 1 minor child or pregnant person. Minn. Stat. 256J. 24, subd. 1. The caregiver must live with the minor child. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 1. The minor child must have a caregiver to be included in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2. Jane is an eligible caregiver. Minn. Stat. 256J.08, subd. 11.
2. The number of mandatory members of the assistance unit. – There are 3 mandatory members in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2 (2), Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2(3).
3. The number of members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. - There are 3 members of the assistance unit that are eligible to

receive MFIP. No members of the assistance unit are required to be excluded under Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 3.

4. If any member of the assistance unit is ineligible to receive MFIP, whether the individual's income will be deemed to the assistance unit. **N/A. All members of the assistance unit are eligible to receive MFIP.**

#### **Hypothetical 4:**

Jane is the grandmother of the 2 minor children. Both grandchildren reside with Jane. Jane receives retirement benefits from the Social Security Administration. No other adults or children reside with Jane.

1. The number of people in the assistance unit – **There are 3 possible members of the assistance unit. An assistance unit must include at least 1 minor child or pregnant person. Minn. Stat. 256J. 24, subd. 1. The caregiver must live with the minor child. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 1. The minor child must have a caregiver to be included in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2. The 2 minor children do not live with their birth parent or adoptive parent. Jane is their grandmother. Jane is an eligible caregiver. Minn. Stat. 256J.08, subd. 11.**

**However, Jane can elect to be excluded from the assistance unit because she is not a mandatory assistance unit member under Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2. Minn. Stat. 256J, subd. 4(a).**

2. The number of mandatory members of the assistance unit. – **There are 2 mandatory members in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2 (2).**
3. The number of members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. - **There are 3 members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. No members of the assistance unit are required to be excluded under Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 3.**
4. If any member of the assistance unit is ineligible to receive MFIP, whether the individual's income will be deemed to the assistance unit. – **There are 3 members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. No members of the assistance unit are required to be excluded under Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 3. However, if Jane decides to be excluded from the assistance unit her income will not be deemed to the assistance unit.**

#### **Hypothetical 5:**

Jane is a single adult. Jane cares for 2 children. The children are Jane's niece and nephew. They have lived with Jane for the last year. The children's mother is Jane's sister. The children's mother does not live with Jane and has lived outside of Minnesota for the last 2 years. No other adults or children reside with Jane.

1. The number of people in the assistance unit – There are 3 members of the assistance unit. An assistance unit must include at least 1 minor child or pregnant person. Minn. Stat. 256J. 24, subd. 1. The caregiver must live with the minor child. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 1. The minor child must have a caregiver to be included in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2. The 2 minor children do not live with their birth parent or adoptive parent. Jane is their aunt. Jane is an eligible caregiver. Minn. Stat. 256J.08, subd. 11.

However, Jane can elect to be excluded from the assistance unit because she is not a mandatory assistance unit member under Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2. Minn. Stat. 256J, subd. 4(a).

2. The number of mandatory members of the assistance unit. – There are 2 mandatory members in the assistance unit. Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 2 (2).
3. The number of members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. - There are 3 members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. No members of the assistance unit are required to be excluded under Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 3.
4. If any member of the assistance unit is ineligible to receive MFIP, whether the individual's income will be deemed to the assistance unit. – There are 3 members of the assistance unit that are eligible to receive MFIP. No members of the assistance unit are required to be excluded under Minn. Stat. 256J.24, subd. 3. However, if Jane decides to be excluded from the assistance unit her income will not be deemed to the assistance unit because she is not a mandatory assistance unit member. See Minn. Stat. 256J.37, subd. 37, subd. 1 (provides for the deeming of income of mandatory ineligible assistance unit members).