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Medi-Cal Program Guide Special Notice**

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**Issue Date:**

April 25, 2016

**Effective Date:**

**January 1, 2016** - Medicare Savings Program (MSP) applicants and beneficiaries who do not receive Title II (Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance [RSDI]) income, and applicants/beneficiaries whose Medi-Cal eligibility is determined based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodologies

**March 1, 2016** - MSP applicants or recipients who are receiving Title II RSDI Income

**April 1, 2016** - Individuals eligible for Aged, Blind, and Disabled FPL Programs

**July 1, 2016** - Applicants eligible to CMS or CMS Hardship Programs

**Background:**

Each year the FPLs are adjusted to allow for changes in the cost of living. Effective December 2015 there is no cost-of-living (COLA) increase; however there are changes to the FPLs.

Under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the CMS and CMS Hardship Maintenance Need Levels (MNL) and the CMS Maximum Allowable Expense amounts are also adjusted annually.

**Purpose:**

Provide staff with the 2016 FPL/MNL values and procedures. See Attachment A for Medi-Cal 2016 FPL charts, and Attachment B for CMS MNL and Hardship charts.

**Policy:**

To increase the Federal Poverty Levels published in the Federal Register January 25, 2016 and to adjust the CMS and CMS Hardship Maintenance Need Levels (MNL) and CMS Maximum Allowable Expense amounts.

**Procedure:**

**Medi-Cal**

Workers must:

- Use the increased 2016 FPL amounts when determining eligibility and/or share of cost for the appropriate programs.
- Process exception case lists. These lists will be placed on the SharePoint website under Medi-Cal Reports. See Attachment C, instructions for processing these cases.
- Process NOAs held in the print queue.

Due to no premium reimbursements, staff shall retroactively change eligibility only for:

- Eligible children in Optional Targeted Low Income Children's Program.
- Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) eligible individuals who did not enroll in a plan or did not pay a premium.
- Individuals eligible only to Medi-Cal with a share-of-cost (SOC) in the same month.

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Also, pregnant women eligible in aid code M9 on or after January 1, 2016 up until the date the FPLs are implemented shall be moved to aid code M7 only, in accordance with ACWDL 15-35, to ensure continuity of care.

Note: When determining eligibility for retroactive coverage for months in 2015, use the FPL and related charts referenced in ACWDL 15-14.

CMS

CMSPG 06.02 and 13.03 – Updated to reflect Desk Aid 02 - CMS Income Limit and Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses Charts.

**Impacts:**

**Automation:**

**CalHEERS/CalWIN**

The FPL tables were updated in CalHEERS the weekend of March 26, 2016 and in CalWIN the weekend of April 9, 2016. CalHEERS will automatically update the FPL amounts; however DHCS will need to send notices to those beneficiaries who are potentially impacted by the FPL increase. The notice will also state that no premium reimbursement is available.

The following case types will be included in the FPL COLA run:

- Non-MAGI
- Mixed (MAGI + Non-MAGI)
- APTC+ Non-MAGI

The following case types will be excluded from the FPL COLA run:

- MAGI only
- Mixed (MAGI + APTC)
- Pre-ACA (no evaluation for MAGI completed)

Note: The new 202% FPL will not be included with this FPL COLA run. DHCS will issue information at a later date.

**AuthMed**

AuthMed has been updated with the 2016/2017 FPL/MNL amounts for CMS/CMS Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses and will calculate all budgeted entries.

**Forms and Document Capture:**

The CMS Budget Worksheet has been revised to reflect the 2016/2017 CMS Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses. The updated version has been added to Xerox. In situations where a manual budget is required, the worker must scan the completed budget worksheet into AuthMed.

**Other Programs Affected:**

No impact

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**Management Reporting:**

No impact

**Quality Control:**

Quality Control will cite the appropriate error when the regulations cited in this material have not been followed.

**References:**

ACWDL 16-07, 16-06, 16-05, 16-03, 15-35, 15-14, County Policy

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 04/30/2017.

**Approval for Release:**



Rick Wanne, Director  
Eligibility Operations

## 2016 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

Family Size	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)											
	Annual FPL	Monthly FPL	60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%		
<b>1</b>	11880	990.00	594	990	1070	1080	1129	1188	1268	1317	1337	1367		
<b>2</b>	16020	1335.00	801	1335	1442	1456	1522	1602	1709	1776	1803	1843		
<b>2 Adults</b>	16020	1335.00	801	1335	1442	1456	1522	1602	1709	1776	1803	1843		
<b>3</b>	20160	1680.00	1008	1680	1815	1832	1916	2016	2151	2235	2268	2319		
<b>4</b>	24300	2025.00	1215	2025	2187	2208	2309	2430	2592	2694	2734	2795		
<b>5</b>	28440	2370.00	1422	2370	2560	2584	2702	2844	3034	3153	3200	3271		
<b>6</b>	32580	2715.00	1629	2715	2933	2960	3096	3258	3476	3611	3666	3747		
<b>7</b>	36730	3060.83	1837	3061	3306	3337	3490	3673	3918	4071	4133	4224		
<b>8</b>	40890	3407.50	2045	3408	3681	3715	3885	4089	4362	4532	4601	4703		
<b>9</b>	45050	3754.17	2253	3755	4055	4093	4280	4505	4806	4994	5069	5181		
<b>10</b>	49210	4100.83	2461	4101	4429	4470	4675	4921	5250	5455	5537	5660		
<b>11</b>	53370	4447.50	2669	4448	4804	4848	5071	5337	5693	5916	6005	6138		
<b>12</b>	57530	4794.17	2877	4795	5178	5226	5466	5753	6137	6377	6473	6616		
<b>En Add'l</b>	<b>4160</b>	<b>346.67</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>479</b>		

Family Size	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)											
	Annual FPL	Monthly FPL	142%	150%	160%	165%	185%	200%	202%	208%	213%	250%	266%	322%
<b>1</b>	11880	990.00	1406	1485	1584	1632	1832	1980	2000	2060	2109	2475	2634	3188
<b>2</b>	16020	1335.00	1896	2003	2136	2170	2470	2670	2697	2777	2844	3338	3552	4299
<b>2 Adults</b>	16020	1335.00	1896	2003	2136	2170	2470	2670	2697	2777	2844	3338	3552	4299
<b>3</b>	20160	1680.00	2386	2520	2688	2742	3108	3360	3394	3495	3579	4200	4469	5410
<b>4</b>	24300	2025.00	2876	3038	3240	3276	3747	4050	4091	4212	4314	5063	5387	6521
<b>5</b>	28440	2370.00	3366	3555	3792	3852	4385	4740	4788	4930	5049	5925	6305	7632
<b>6</b>	32580	2715.00	3856	4073	4344	4404	5023	5430	5485	5648	5783	6788	7222	8743
<b>7</b>	36730	3060.83	4347	4592	4898	4958	5663	6122	6183	6367	6520	7653	8142	9856
<b>8</b>	40890	3407.50	4839	5112	5452	5512	6304	6815	6884	7088	7258	8519	9064	10973
<b>9</b>	45050	3754.17	5331	5632	6007	6067	6946	7509	7584	7809	7997	9386	9987	12089
<b>10</b>	49210	4100.83	5824	6152	6562	6587	7587	8202	8284	8530	8735	10253	10909	13205
<b>11</b>	53370	4447.50	6316	6672	7116	7116	8228	8895	8984	9251	9474	11119	11831	14321
<b>12</b>	57530	4794.17	6808	7192	7671	7671	8870	9589	9685	9972	10212	11986	12753	15438
<b>En Add'l</b>	<b>4160</b>	<b>346.67</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>1117</b>

## 2016 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

<p>\$35: = Maintenance Need for Resident in LTC Facility</p> <p>100% FPL: = Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and            = Children Ages 6 Up to 19 Percent Program (Pre ACA); and            = FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and            = Section 1931 for certain Recipient's (Pre ACA)</p> <p>108% FPL: = Floor ACA Title XXI CHIP Expansion Children Ages 6-19</p> <p>109% FPL: = ACA Parents and Caretaker Relatives</p> <p>114% FPL: = ACA Parents and Caretaker Relatives not eligible for the ACA New Adult Group due to non-financial eligibility criteria such as enrollment in Medicare Parts A or B (109% FPL, plus 5% MAGI disregard)</p> <p>120% FPL: &lt; Specified Low Income Beneficiaries</p> <p>128% FPL: = Disabled Individuals in New Adult Group</p> <p>133% FPL: = Children Ages 1-6 (Pre ACA)            = ACA Children and Title XXI Expansion Children Ages 6-19</p> <p>135% FPL: &lt; Qualified Individual 1 Program</p> <p>138% FPL: = ACA New Adults Ages 19-64            138% FPL and below: = Full Scope Coverage for ACA Pregnant Women            Above 138% - 213% FPL: = Pregnancy Related Medi-Cal            Above 213% - 322% FPL: = Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP)</p> <p>142% FPL: = ACA Children Ages 1-6</p> <p>150% FPL: = Target Low Income Program (Pre ACA)</p> <p>160% FPL: = ACA OTLIC Program</p>	<p>185% FPL: = Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Pre ACA)</p> <p>200% FPL: = Qualified Working Disabled Individuals; and            = Pregnant Women and Infants Up to Age 1            (disregard is in the 200% FPL) (Pre ACA)</p> <p>202% FPL: = Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Post ACA)</p> <p>208% FPL: = ACA Infants Ages 0-1</p> <p>213% FPL: &gt; Floor for ACA MCAP Linked Infants (OTLIC)            =ACA Pregnant Women and Infants Up To Age 1            (with 5% earned income disregard included)</p> <p>250% FPL: = Optional Targeted Low Income Children (Pre ACA),            and for Working Disabled Program</p> <p>266% FPL: = ACA Optional Targeted Low Income Children (OTLIC)            Above 266%-322% FPL: = County Childrens Health Initiative Program (CCHIP)</p> <p>322% FPL: = ACA MCAP Linked Infants</p> <p>Notes:            "=" means: eligible if budget unit income is equal to less than income limit.            "&lt;" means: eligible if budget unit income is less than outcome limit.</p> <p>For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP-includes Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low Income Beneficiary and Qualified Individual 1 Programs) not receiving RSDI Title II income, the FPL figures are effective the date of publication, which is January 25, 2016 for MSP applicants or recipients receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1, 2016.</p>
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## 2016 FPL Calculation Chart (Annual Values)

Family Size	100% FPL Annual FPL	ANNUAL FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)													
		60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%	142%			
<b>1</b>	11880	7128	11880	12831	12950	13544	14256	15207	15801	16038	16395	16870			
<b>2</b>	16020	9612	16020	17302	17462	18263	19224	20506	21307	21627	22108	22749			
<b>2 Adults</b>	16020	9612	16020	17302	17462	18263	19224	20506	21307	21627	22108	22749			
<b>3</b>	20160	12096	20160	21773	21975	22983	24192	25805	26813	27216	27821	28628			
<b>4</b>	24300	14580	24300	26244	26487	27702	29160	31104	32319	32805	33534	34506			
<b>5</b>	28440	17064	28440	30716	31000	32422	34128	36404	37826	38394	39248	40385			
<b>6</b>	32580	19548	32580	35187	35513	37142	39096	41703	43332	43983	44961	46264			
<b>7</b>	36730	22038	36730	39669	40036	41873	44076	47015	48851	49586	50688	52157			
<b>8</b>	40890	24534	40890	44162	44571	46615	49068	52340	54384	55202	56429	58064			
<b>9</b>	45050	27030	45050	48654	49105	51357	54060	57664	59917	60818	62169	63971			
<b>10</b>	49210	29526	49210	53147	53639	56100	59052	62989	65450	66434	67910	69879			
<b>11</b>	53370	32022	53370	57640	58174	60842	64044	68314	70983	72050	73651	75786			
<b>12</b>	57530	34518	57530	62133	62708	65585	69036	73639	76515	77666	79392	81693			
<b>Eq Add'l</b>	<b>4160</b>	<b>2496</b>	<b>4160</b>	<b>4493</b>	<b>4535</b>	<b>4743</b>	<b>4992</b>	<b>5325</b>	<b>5533</b>	<b>5616</b>	<b>5741</b>	<b>5908</b>			

Family Size	100% FPL Annual FPL	ANNUAL FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)													
		150%	160%	185%	200%	202%	208%	213%	250%	266%	322%				
<b>1</b>	11880	17820	19008	21978	23760	23998	24711	25305	29700	31601	38254				
<b>2</b>	16020	24030	25632	29637	32040	32361	33322	34123	40050	42614	51585				
<b>2 Adults</b>	16020	24030	25632	29637	32040	32361	33322	34123	40050	42614	51585				
<b>3</b>	20160	30240	32256	37296	40320	40724	41933	42941	50400	53626	64916				
<b>4</b>	24300	36450	38880	44955	48600	49086	50544	51759	60750	64638	78246				
<b>5</b>	28440	42660	45504	52614	56880	57449	59156	60578	71100	75651	91577				
<b>6</b>	32580	48870	52128	60273	65160	65812	67767	69396	81450	86663	104908				
<b>7</b>	36730	55095	58768	67951	73460	74195	76399	78235	91825	97702	118271				
<b>8</b>	40890	61335	65424	75647	81780	82598	85052	87096	102225	108768	131666				
<b>9</b>	45050	67575	72080	83343	90100	91001	93704	95957	112625	119833	145061				
<b>10</b>	49210	73815	78736	91039	98420	99405	102357	104818	123025	130899	158457				
<b>11</b>	53370	80055	85392	98735	106740	107808	111010	113679	133425	141965	171852				
<b>12</b>	57530	86295	92048	106431	115060	116211	119663	122539	143825	153030	185247				
<b>Eq Add'l</b>	<b>4160</b>	<b>6240</b>	<b>6656</b>	<b>7696</b>	<b>8320</b>	<b>8404</b>	<b>8653</b>	<b>8861</b>	<b>10400</b>	<b>11066</b>	<b>13396</b>				

**Maintenance Needs Assistance Standards**

<b>MN In-Kind Income Values – Eff. 7/1/89</b>				
HH Size	Housing	Utilities	Food	
1	153	33	86	
2	206	38	182	
3	225	40	232	
4	236	41	286	
5	236	41	346	
6	236	41	401	
7	236	41	447	
8	236	41	490	
9	236	41	537	
10	236	41	582	

<b>Property Limits – Eff. 1/1/14</b>	
MFBU	Limit
1 (MN)	\$2,000
1 (1931(b))	\$3,000
2	\$3,000
3	\$3,150
4	\$3,300
5	\$3,450
6	\$3,600
7	\$3,750
8	\$3,900
9	\$4,050
10	\$4,200

<b>MSP Property Limit – Eff. 1/1/16</b>	
MFBU	Limit
1	\$7,280
2	\$10,930
ACWDL 16-07	

<b>MSP Income Levels – Eff. 4/1/16</b>						
Family Size	QMB (100%)	SLMB (120%)	QI (135%)	QWDI (200%)		
1	990	1188	1337	1980		
2	1335	1602	1803	2670		
3	1680	2016	2268	3360		
4	2025	2430	2734	4050		
5	2370	2844	3200	4740		
6	2715	3258	3666	5430		
7	3061	3673	4133	6122		
8	3408	4089	4601	6815		
9	3755	4505	5069	7509		
10	4101	4921	5537	8202		
Additional	347	416	468	694		

<b>A&amp;D FPL Disregards</b>		
Eff Date	Individual	Couple
4/1/09-	\$230	\$310
1/1/09-3/31/09	\$230	\$412
6/1/08-12/31/08	\$230	\$391
4/1/08-5/31/08	\$230	\$357

<b>FPLB Income Limits – Eff. 4/1/15</b>	
Family	Amount
Individual	\$1211
Couple with one blind person	\$1666
Couple with two blind people	\$1751

<b>ISM – Eff 1/1/15</b>		
	Individual	Couple
VTR	244.33	366.67
PMV	264.33	386.67

<b>Allocations – Eff. 1/1/15</b>			
	Community Spouse Allocation	Family Member Max Allocation	Standard Allocation
	2,981	1,967	367

## Maintenance Needs Assistance Standards

Federal Benefit Rate		
Year	Individual	Couple
2016	733	1,100
2015	733	1,100
2014	721	1,082
2013	710	1,066
2012	698	1,048
2011	674	1,011
2010	674	1,011
2009	674	1,011
2008	637	956
2007	623	934
2006	603	904
2005	579	869
2004	564	846

Pickle Disregard		
Last SSI/SSP Check Between	Disregard	
1/15-12/15	0.000	
1/14-12/14	.0167	
1/13-12/13	.0312	
1/12-12/12	.0474	
1/11-12/11	.0805	
1/10-12/10	.0805	
1/09-12/09	.0805	
1/08-12/08	.1309	
1/07-12/07	.1505	
1/06-12/06	.1776	
1/05-12/05	.21	
1/04-12/04	.2308	
1/03-12/03	.2466	

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)		
SGA	SGA for Blind	
1,130	1,820	
<b>LTC Maintenance Needs</b>		
MNM Individual	35	
SSI Eligible LTC	40	
<b>Home Upkeep</b>		
Living Alone	209	
Shared	138	
Both Spouses LTC	176	

Medicare Premiums		
Part A		
For people who do not receive no-cost	411	
For people with 30-39 quarters of covered employment	226	
<b>Part B</b>		
104.90		
<b>Medicare Deductibles</b>		
Part A – Inpatient Care		
Per day for 0-60 days	1,288	
Per day for 61-90 days	322	
Per day for 91-150 days	644	
Part A – Skilled Nursing Facility Care		
Per day for 21-100 days	161	

CSRA	
Year	Rate
2015	119,220
2014	117,240
2013	115,920
2012	113,640
2011	109,580
2010	109,580
2009	109,580
2008	104,400
2007	101,640
2006	99,540
2005	92,760
2004	90,660

APPR	
Year	Rate
2015	8092
2014	7628
2013	7549
2012	7092
2011	6840
2010	6311
2009	5698
2008	5496
2007	5101

TB Standards	
Property	
1	2000
2	3000
parents	
<b>Income</b>	
Year	
2012	1481
2011	1433
2010	1433
2009	1433
2008	1359
2007	1331
2006	1291
2005	1243

**Maintenance Needs Assistance Standards**

Part B Annual Deductible	
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2004	1213
2003	1189

1931(b) Income Standards		100%
HH Size	1931(b) Limit	
1	398	990
2	653	1335
3	808	1680
4	961	2025
5	1094	2370
6	1229	2715
7	1350	3061
8	1473	3408
9	1591	3755
10	1709	4101
Additional Effective	12/1/04	347
		4/1/16

OR

1931(b) Income In-Kind Values – Eff 6/1/99						
HH Size	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing		
1	161	34	90	27		
2	217	39	191	52		
3	237	42	244	79		
4	248	44	301	105		
5	248	44	363	133		
6	248	44	422	157		
7	248	44	470	187		
8	248	44	515	209		
9	248	44	565	239		
10	248	44	612	261		

1931(b) Sneede v. Kizer Income/Property Prorations						
No. of Kids in MBU	Eff 12/1/04		Eff 4/1/15		Property	
	1931(b) Limits		100%		1 Parent	2 Parents
	1 Parent	2 parents	1 Parent	2 Parents	1 Parent	2 Parents
1	327	270	664	558	1500	1050
2	539	481	1117	1011	2100	1650
3	721	657	1516	1421	2475	2070
4	876	820	1617	1810	2760	2400
5	1025	965	1973	2186	3000	2679
6	1158	1105	2327	2556	3215	2925
7	1289	1238	2678	2921	3413	3150
8	1415	1368	2140	3281	3600	3360
9	1539	1399	3380	3639	3780	3437
10	1554	1425	3728	3996	3819	3500
Additional	Contact Medi-Cal Program for amount		347		Contact Medi-Cal Program for amount	

Attachment A

**PICKLE****HANDBOOK****2016 ISM VALUES FOR COMPUTING PICKLE ELIGIBILITY**

<http://policy.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0500835901>

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
VTR (not rebuttable)*	\$244.33	\$366.67
PMV (rebuttable)**	\$264.33	\$386.67

The VTR is the payment level to use in situations 1, 2, and 3 below. The PMV is the unearned income amount to add in other situations. The following chart provides the method to use for determining Pickle eligibility for individuals and couples in various living arrangements.

**HOUSEHOLD SITUATION  
(LIVING ARRANGEMENT)****PRINCIPLE**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Living in household of another throughout a month and receiving both food and shelter from someone in the household.  | Reduce the applicable payment level by one-third the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR). Use the VTR.                 |
| 2. Living in household of another who is providing both food and shelter and also receiving ISM from a third party.  | Reduce the FBR payment level by one-third (VTR). Exclude third party ISM.                                     |
| 3. Living with a responsible relative (deemor) who lives in the household of another and the householder is not a responsible relative but is supplying both food and shelter. | Add VTR from the householder to deemed income from the responsible relative and add to other unearned income. |
| 4. Living in own household (ownership or rental liability) and receiving ISM from someone outside the household.   | Add PMV to other unearned income.   |
| 5. Living in non-institutional care* situation or group home and receiving ISM from someone outside the household.   | Add PMV to other unearned income.   |
| 6. Living with a responsible relative (deemor) who lives in the household of another and the householder is not a responsible relative but is supplying food or shelter.       | Add PMV from the householder to deemed income from the responsible relative and add to other unearned income. |

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| 7. Living in household of another and sharing partial or total household expenses.  | If pro rata share is contributed, we use the SSI/SSP payment level for a person in an "independent living arrangement." If pro rata share is not contributed, add PMV.  |
| 8. One member of an eligible couple lives in the household of another and receives both food and shelter from the householder while the second member lives in his/her home or a non-medical institution. | One-sixth of the FBR for a couple for the person living in the household of another. (VTR-not rebuttable.)<br><br>One-sixth of the FBR for a couple for the person living in his/her own household. (VTR-not rebuttable.) |
| 9. If the non-institutionalized spouse lives in any other situation.  | One-sixth of the FBR for a couple plus \$10.  |
| 10. Paying less than Current Market Rental Value (CMRV) for shelter. (See page 1-2.)  | Add PMV unless criteria for earned/unearned income is met (see ISM).  |
- \* VTR – Value of One-Third Reduction  
 \*\* PMV – Presumed Maximum Value

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SSI/SSP  
SECTION 16--PAYMENT STANDARDS  
EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2016  
(Rates used may be May 1, 2009 rates)

	Independent Living Arrangement			Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)			NMOHC <sup>2</sup>					
	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	Household of Relative with In-Kind R&B			Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B		
INDIVIDUAL:	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP
AGED OR DISABLED without cooking facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>	\$889.40	\$733.00	\$156.40	\$658.67			\$895.67	\$488.67	\$407.00	\$1,145.00	\$733.00	\$412.00
BLIND	\$973.40	\$733.00	\$240.40	\$739.67			\$895.67	\$488.67	\$407.00	\$1,145.00	\$733.00	\$412.00
BLIND	\$944.40	\$733.00	\$211.40	\$739.67			\$895.67	\$488.67	\$407.00	\$1,145.00	\$733.00	\$412.00
DISABLED MINOR - living with parent(s)	\$796.40	\$733.00	\$ 63.40	\$555.50	\$488.67	\$ 66.83	\$895.67	\$488.67	\$407.00			
- living with non-parent relative/guardian										\$1,145.00	\$733.00	\$412.00

	Independent Living Arrangement			Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)			NMOHC <sup>2</sup>					
	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	Household of Relative with In-Kind R&B			Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B		
COUPLE:	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP
AGED OR DISABLED - per couple	\$1,524.00			\$1,233.33			\$1,779.00	\$733.34	\$1,045.66	\$2,290.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,190.00
- without cooking facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,692.00											
BLIND - per couple	\$1,751.00			\$1,460.00			\$1,779.00	\$733.34	\$1,045.66	\$2,290.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,190.00
BLIND/AGED OR DISABLED - per couple	\$1,666.00			\$1,374.00			\$1,779.00	\$733.34	\$1,045.66	\$2,290.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,190.00

NONMEDICAL BOARD AND CARE				FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE (FBR)			
<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$1,145.00					
Board and Room		\$ 492.00					
Care and Supervision Minimum		\$ 422.00		Maximum \$	522.00		
Personal and Incidental Needs Maximum		\$ 231.00		Minimum \$	131.00		
Title XIX Medical Facility		Individual \$50.00		Couple	\$100.00		

\* Independent living arrangement for a disabled minor means living in the home of his/her parents. Household of another is used if both the disabled minor and his/her parents live in the household of someone else, i.e., grandparents, etc.

1/ RMA – Restaurant Meals Allowance - \$84 Individual; \$168 Couple

2/ NMOHC<sup>2</sup> – Nonmedical out-of-home care living in household of relative or guardian with In-Kind Room and Board

P I C K L E H A N D B O O K

Enclosure 4

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RESOURCE ELIGIBILITY  
2016 Resource Limits  
\$2,000--Individual  
\$3,000--Couple

Pickle persons must be within the resource limit at 12:01 a.m. on the FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH for which eligibility is being determined. If a person is not eligible on the first, he/she is not eligible for the ENTIRE MONTH.

Using information from the MC 210, SAWS 2 or MC 210B, complete the Pickle Resource Worksheet (DHS 7037) to determine resource eligibility. Instructions for completion of the DHS 7037 are attached to the form.

Refer to the following for determining resource eligibility.

- Resource Charts
- Life estate and remainder interest tables.

Clarification

1. Possible Pickle Person Living With a Spouse

If both members of the couple are eligible, apply the resource limit for two persons and consider the resources of BOTH spouses (whether owned separately or jointly).

2. Possible Pickle Child

Allow the parents all of the resource exclusions for which they would be eligible if they were the applicants. Consider only the resources of the parent and his/her spouse. This includes, but is not limited to home, household goods, personal effects, automobile, etc.

After the exclusions are applied, the remaining countable resources are deemed to the possible Pickle child. Where there is more than one possible Pickle child, the resources are deemed among those children:

Example

There are two possible Pickle children and \$500 in parental resources must be deemed to them. Deem \$250 to each child.

3. If applicant is ineligible as a possible Pickle person due to excess resources:

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## 2015 Pickle Multipliers

<b>Date of Last SSI</b>	<b>Cost of Living Amount</b>	<b>Multiplier</b>
<b>1/15 through 12/15</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
1/14 through 12/14	1.017	0.0167
1/13 through 12/13	1.015	0.0312
1/12 through 12/12	1.017	0.0474
1/11 through 12/11	1.036	0.0805
1/10 through 12/10	1.000	0.0805
1/09 through 12/09	1.000	0.0805
1/08 through 12/08	1.058	0.1309
1/07 through 12/07	1.023	0.1505
1/06 through 12/06	1.033	0.1776
1/05 through 12/05	1.041	0.2100
1/04 through 12/04	1.027	0.2308
1/03 through 12/03	1.021	0.2466
1/02 through 12/02	1.014	0.2570
1/01 through 12/01	1.026	0.2758
1/00 through 12/00	1.035	0.3003
1/99 through 12/99	1.024	0.3167
1/98 through 12/98	1.013	0.3255
1/97 through 12/97	1.021	0.3394
1/96 through 12/96	1.029	0.3580
1/95 through 12/95	1.026	0.3743
1/94 through 12/94	1.028	0.3913
1/93 through 12/93	1.026	0.4067
1/92 through 12/92	1.030	0.4240
1/91 through 12/91	1.037	0.4446
1/90 through 12/90	1.054	0.4730
1/89 through 12/89	1.047	0.4967
1/88 through 12/88	1.040	0.5160
1/87 through 12/87	1.042	0.5355
1/86 through 12/86	1.013	0.5415
1/85 through 12/85	1.031	0.5553
1/84 through 12/84	1.035	0.5703
7/82 through 12/83	1.035	0.5848
7/81 through 06/82	1.074	0.6135
7/80 through 06/81	1.112	0.6524
7/79 through 06/80	1.143	0.6959
7/78 through 06/79	1.099	0.7233
7/77 through 06/78	1.065	0.7402

**CMS Desk Aid 02**  
**MNL/FPL Income Limit and**  
**Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses Charts**

MNL/FPL Amounts

<b>MNL/FPL CHART – EFF 07/01/16</b>		
<b>CFBU SIZE</b>	<b>CMS 165% FPL</b>	<b>CMS HARDSHIP 350% FPL</b>
1	\$1,634	\$3,465
2	\$2,203	\$4,673
3	\$2,772	\$5,880
4	\$3,341	\$7,088
5	\$3,911	\$8,295
6	\$4,480	\$9,503
7	\$5,051	\$10,714
8	\$5,623	\$11,928
9	\$6,196	\$13,143
10	\$6,767	\$14,354
Add for additional members	\$573	\$1,215

Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses

<b>Non-Discretionary Expenses</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable Expense (EFF 7/1/16)</b>	
	<b>For 1</b>	<b>For 2</b>
Housing/Utilities	\$868	\$1,169
Transportation	\$464	\$624
Food	\$252	\$341
Miscellaneous (includes clothing, personal)	\$113	\$150
Allowable Out-of-Pocket Health Care Expense Allowance	\$179	\$239

In-kind Income Values

<b>INCOME IN-KIND VALUE EFF 06/01/99</b>				
<b>HH Size</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Clothing</b>
1	161	34	90	27
2	217	39	191	52
3	237	42	244	79
4	248	44	301	105
5	248	44	363	133
6	248	44	422	157
7	248	44	470	187
8	248	44	515	209
9	248	44	565	239
10	248	44	612	261

## Cost of Living Adjust (COLA) Error Exception List Instructions

Cases that were not processed successfully during the COLA Mass Update, will be identified on the Exception Lists. A case may exception out during the COLA Mass Update due to four primary Error Types (EDBC Error, Authorization Error, Pre-EDBC Exception and Pre-Authorization Exception). Below are the descriptions for the various reasons for the error types and required actions to resolve the error.

### 1. ERROR ENCOUNTERED IN AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

After EDBC was run, a program in the case encountered an error during the Batch Authorization process.

If your program is...	Then...
Authorized	No further action is required
Not Authorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble shoot case</li> <li>• Take action to authorize case</li> <li>• Review any NOAs produced</li> </ul>

### 2. ERROR ENCOUNTERED IN EDBC PROCESS

The case could not run EDBC during the COLA Mass Update and reason for these errors vary.

Step	Action
1	Re-run EDBC
2	Trouble shoot case if error message is received
3	Take action to authorize case
4	Review any NOAs produced

### 3. PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Benefit Split needs to be performed by worker

A condition exists in the case that may require an alternate payee, i.e. sanctioned parent, etc. CalWIN will not allow **batch** authorization unless another payee has been entered.

Step	Action
1	Click "OK" when the pop-up message that "A Benefit split must be performed" appears during the authorization process.
2	Open the detail screen and view the split screen then close that screen.
3	Continue on-line authorization of appropriate supplements.

### 4. PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Case Eligibility Status is in Pending Mode

Cases in pending status will not be automatically authorized as all initial authorizations must be made online.

Step	Action
1	Review results in Wrap Up
2	Authorize appropriate benefit(s) on-line

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5. **PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Case Results were previously Overridden**  
EDBC was run in the COLA Mass Update but since the case was overridden in the past, the authorization status has reverted to "pending."

Step	Action
1	Review results in Wrap up to determine if they are programmatically correct or if an override is needed.
2	If an override is needed, contact the CalWIN Operational Support Help Desk
3	If an override is not required, take action to authorize case.
4	Review any NOAs produced

6. **PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Case has Failed for Future Month**  
Cases in this category were not shown as eligible for a benefit in 01/16 in CalWIN.

Step	Action
1	Troubleshoot as needed.
2	Re-run EDBC for January 2016 on-line
3	Take action to authorize case
4	Review any NOAs produced

7. **PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Case runs for more than three retro (prior) months**  
EDBC was run in the COLA Mass Update and the program has been in pending status for more than 3 months.

Step	Action
1	Re-run EDBC for January 2016 on-line
2	Review the results in Wrap Up for each pending month. Troubleshoot as needed.
3	If results are correct, authorize your program and review any NOAs produced.
4	If results are incorrect and require override, contact the CalWIN Operational Support Help Desk

8. **PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Converted case has not been authorized online**  
One or more programs were pending when the case converted to CALWIN and are still in pending status.

Step	Action
1	Re-run EDBC. Evaluate discrepancies. At least one program in the case remains discrepant.  Note: The following may be reasons the case did not authorize: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases need to be reviewed and conversion factors need to be updated</li> <li>• Check application Date</li> </ul>
2	Take action to authorize case
3	Review NOAs generated

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**9. PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Intake case currently having pending verification during a COLA**

These cases have a verification checklist pending. Review and manual authorization is required.

**10. PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - On-going case currently having pending Verification during a COLA**

These cases have a verification checklist pending. Review and manual authorization is required.

**11. PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Program in intake mode, cannot authorized in batch**

Step	Action
1	Resolve the pending status
2	Run EDBC
3	Authorize appropriate benefit(s) on-line

**12. PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - Case has new Overpayment**

On Medi-Cal/Food Stamps combo cases, the Food Stamps over-issuance claim must be processed before the MC program can be authorized.

**13. PRE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION - User Requested/System determined program to pend**

A batch authorization exception special indicator exists on a program in the case. Cases must be authorized online.

**14. PRE EDBC EXCEPTION: - Case is in RRR Mode**

Step	Action
1	Complete the RRR
2	Run EDBC
3	Authorize appropriate benefit(s) on-line