

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Letter #638

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Subject UPDATE TO THE SSI/SSP PAYMENT STANDARDS EFFECTIVE DATES.

Effective January 1, 2008

Expiration Date December 31, 2008

Reference MPG SN 07-10, ACWDL 07-22, 07-25, 07-26, 07-27, 08-13

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of changes to the effective dates for the 2008 Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental payment (SSI/SSP) cash grant levels originally distributed in Special Notice 07-10 on 11/27/2007 and added to the MPG in MPG letter #622.

Corrections DHCS delayed the implementation of the SSI/SSP COLA increases originally scheduled for June 1, 2008 to October 1, 2008. Revisions to the effective dates can be found in MPG Article 5, Section 10, Appendix F.

Required Actions Ensure that effective October 1, 2008, the new SSI/SSP cash grant levels provided in MPG Article 5, Section 10, Appendix F are used for computing Pickle Eligibility.

Automation Impact The following CalWIN Reference Table (RT) has been updated to reflect the effective dates of the SSI/SSP payment standards.

| RT Name | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| SSI/SSP Standards | This table lists SSI standards, Presumed Maximum Value (PMV), and the value of the 1/3 reduction of the Federal Benefit Rate (VTR) based on living arrangements for individuals or couples used to determine IHSS Residual SOC, and ISM for some Medi-Cal programs, IHSS and CAPI. |

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Forms Impact None

Quality Assurance Impact Effective with October 2008 review month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the requirement of this letter.

Summary of Change The table below shows the changes made in the MPG.

| Section | Summary of Change |
|-----------------------|--|
| Article 5, Section 10 | Updated the SSI/SSP cash grant levels. |

Filing Instructions The following pages shall be removed and replaced as follows:

| Action | Pages |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Remove | MPG 5-10-F1 through MPG 5-10-F2 |
| Replace | MPG 5-10-F1 through MPG 5-10-F2 |

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