

# Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter #668

February 6, 2009

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**Subject** 2009 Tuberculosis (TB) Income Standard, Statewide Average Private Pay Rate (APPR) and Related Other Program Annual Adjustments

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**Effective Date** January 1, 2009

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**Reference** MPG SN 08-21, ACWDL 08-49, 08-50, 08-51, 08-52, 08-57, 08-60, 09-05

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**Purpose** This letter:

- Provides the 2009 TB income standard
- Provides the 2009 APPR for nursing facility services
- Updates the MPG with the income and resource standard changes specified in MPG SN 08-21

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**Background** The TB Program income standard and APPR are adjusted annually, effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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**Changes** Effective January 1, 2009:

- The TB Income Standard is \$1433
- The APPR is \$5698

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**Required Action** Effective January 1, 2009:

- All determinations/redeterminations for eligibility to the TB program must use the 2009 TB income standard.
- Workers will use the increased APPR when calculating the period of ineligibility for transfers of non-exempt property for less than fair market value when:
  - a. The date of application, or the date of institutionalization (use the more recent of the two), occurs in 2009.

Workers are to follow current Bottom Line Override established procedures until the TB Income Standard and APPR Reference Tables are updated. Contact the Operational Support Help Desk at (619) 515-6700.

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**Automation Impact**

The TB Income Standard Reference Table and APPR Reference Table will be updated at a later date.

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**Forms Impact**

None.

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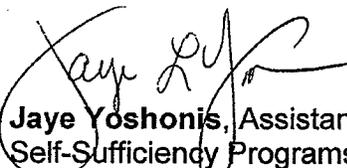
**Summary of Changes**

The table below shows the changes made in the Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG).

<b>Section</b>	<b>Summary of Change</b>
Article 5, Section 10, Appendices D, E, and F	Updated the Pickle Income Support and Maintenance (ISM) values, Pickle Disregard Multiplier Chart, and SSI/SSP cash grant levels.
Article 11, Section 1, Appendix A	Reformatted and updated the Assistance Standards Chart with income and resource changes specified in this letter and MPG SN 08-21.

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**Manager Approval**



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APPENDIX 5-10-E  
2009 INCOME SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE (ISM)  
COMPUTING PICKLE ELIGIBILITY

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
VTR (not rebuttable)	\$224.66	\$337.00
PMV (rebuttable)	\$244.66	\$357.00

The VTR is the payment level to be used in situations 1, 2 and 3 below.

The PMV is the unearned income amount to be added in other situations.

The following chart provides the method that must be used for determining Pickle eligibility for individuals and couples in various living arrangements.

<u>HOUSEHOLD SITUATION (LIVING ARRANGEMENT)</u>	<u>Principle</u>
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 Presumed Maximum Value (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.
* All non-medical institutions including those for education or vocational training. Also, see page 3 of ISM section.	
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.
7. Living in household of another and sharing partial or total household expenses	If prorata share is contributed we use the SSI/SSP payment level for a person in an "Independent Living Arrangement". If prorata 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.	1/6 of the FBR for a couple for the person living in his/her own household. (VTR) not rebuttable.  1/6 of the FBR for a couple plus \$10.
9. If the non-institutionalized spouse lives in any other situation.	1/6 of the FBR for a couple plus \$10.
10. Paying less than current market rental value for shelter.	Add PMV unless criteria for earned/unearned income are met. (See ISM)

APPENDIX 5-10-D  
PICKLE DISREGARD COMPUTATION CHART

2009  
Department of Health Services  
Current Year  
Pickle Persons Title II Disregard Computation Chart

Last SSI/SSP Check Received Between	Multiplier
1/08 through 12/08	0.0548
1/07 through 12/07	0.0761
1/06 through 12/06	0.1056
1/05 through 12/05	0.1408
1/04 through 12/04	0.1634
1/03 through 12/03	0.1806
1/02 through 12/02	0.1919
1/01 through 12/01	0.2124
1/00 through 12/00	0.2390
1/99 through 12/99	0.2569
1/98 through 12/98	0.2664
1/97 through 12/97	0.2815
1/96 through 12/96	0.3017
1/95 through 12/95	0.3194
1/94 through 12/94	0.3380
1/93 through 12/93	0.3548
1/92 through 12/92	0.3735
1/91 through 12/91	0.3959
1/90 through 12/90	0.4268
1/89 through 12/89	0.4526
1/88 through 12/88	0.4736
1/87 through 12/87	0.4948
1/86 through 12/86	0.5013
1/85 through 12/85	0.5163
1/84 through 12/84	0.5327
7/82 through 12/83	0.5485
7/81 through 6/82	0.5796
7/80 through 6/81	0.6219
7/79 through 6/80	0.6692
7/78 through 6/79	0.6990
7/77 through 6/78	0.7174
4/77 through 6/77	0.7331

Instructions for Current Year  
Title II Disregard Computation Chart

This chart replaces and supersedes all previous Title II Disregard Computation charts. The steps to be taken to use this chart are outlined below.

1. Determine the current benefit amount.
2. Determine when the last SSI/SSP check was received.
3. Multiply the current benefit amount by the multiplier for the time period the last SSI/SSP check was received.
4. The result is the amount to be disregarded.

APPENDIX 5-10-F  
SSI/SSP PAYMENT STANDARDS  
JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Independent Living Arrangement			Household of Another With In-Kind Room and Board			Independent Living Arrangement Without Cooking Facilities (RMA) <sup>1</sup>			Nonmedical Board and Care Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind Room & Board		
	Total	SSI (FBR)	SSP	TOTAL	SSI (FBR)	SSP	TOTAL	SSI (FBR)	SSP	TOTAL	SSI (FBR)	SSP
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>												
-Aged or Disabled	907.00	674.00	233.00	683.34	449.34	234.00	991.00	674.00	317.00	1,086.00	674.00	412.00
-Blind	972.00	674.00	298.00	764.34	449.34	315.00				1,086.00	674.00	412.00
-Disabled Minor*	793.00	674.00	119.00	532.67	449.34	108.00				1,086.00	674.00	412.00
-NMOHC <sup>2</sup>				866.34	449.34	407.00						
<b>COUPLE:</b>												
Both are:												
Aged or Disabled - Per Couple	1,579.00	1,011.00	568.00	1,269.66	674.00	595.66	1,747.00	1,011.00	736.00	2,172.00	1,011.00	1,142.00
<b>BLIND:</b>												
Couple-Both are Blind - Per Couple	1,806.00	1,011.00	795.00	1,496.66	674.00	822.66				2,172.00	1,011.00	1,142.00
<b>BLIND/AGED OR DISABLED:</b>												
Couple One is Blind, the Other is Aged or Disabled - Per Couple	1,721.00	1,011.00	710.00	1,410.66	674.00	736.66				2,172.00	1,011.00	1,142.00
<b>NMOHC<sup>2</sup></b>												
Per Couple				1,719.66	674.00	1,045.66						
<b>NONMEDICAL BOARD AND CARE</b>												
<b>TOTAL:</b>			Minimum	Maximum	<b>FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE (FBR)</b>							
Board and Room Care and Supervision		\$1,086.00	\$1,086.00	\$1,086.00	INDIVIDUAL:							
Personal and Incidental Needs		\$466.00	\$466.00	\$466.00	Aged, Blind, or Disabled							
		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$495.00	COUPLE:							
		\$220.00 max	\$220.00 max	\$125.00 min	Aged, Blind, Or Disabled							
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.

<sup>1</sup> RMA - Restaurant Meals Allowance - \$84 Individual; \$168 Couple

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

APPENDIX 11-1-A  
 MAINTENANCE NEEDS  
 ASSISTANCE STANDARDS

MN & FPL CHART - EFF 4/1/08				
HH SIZE	MMNL	100%	133%	200%
1	600	867	1153	1734
2	750	1167	1552	2334
2 Adults	934	1167	1552	2334
3	934	1467	1951	2934
4	1100	1767	2350	3534
5	1259	2067	2749	4134
6	1417	2367	3148	4734
7	1550	2667	3547	5334
8	1692	2967	3946	5934
9	1825	3267	4345	6534
10	1959	3567	4744	7134
Add for Additional Members	14	300	399	600

MN INCOME IN-KIND VALUES					
EFFECTIVE 7/1/89					
HH SIZE	HOUSING	UTILITIES	FOOD	CLOTHING	
1	153	33	86	27	
2	206	38	182	49	
3	225	40	232	75	
4	236	41	286	100	
5	236	41	346	126	
6	236	41	401	149	
7	236	41	447	178	
8	236	41	490	199	
9	236	41	537	227	
10	236	41	582	249	

1931(b) INCOME IN-KIND VALUES					
EFFECTIVE 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) INCOME STANDARDS		100%
HH SIZE	1931(b) LIMIT	867
1	398	1167
2	653	1467
3	808	1767
4	961	2067
5	1094	2367
6	1229	2667
7	1350	2967
8	1473	3267
9	1591	3567
10	1709	411/08
Effective	12/1/04	Add for additional members 300
More than 10	1709	300

1931(b) SNEEDE V. KIZER INCOME/PROPERTY PRORATIONS						
No. of Kids in MBU	EFF 12/1/04		EFF 4/1/08		PROPERTY	
	1931(b) LIMIT		100%		1931(b) LIMIT OR 100%	
	1 Parent	2 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parent
1	327	270	584	489	1500	1050
2	539	481	978	884	2100	1650
3	721	657	1326	1241	2475	2070
4	876	820	1654	1578	2760	2400
5	1025	965	1973	1905	3000	2679
6	1158	1105	2286	2226	3215	2925
7	1289	1238	2597	2541	3413	3150
8	1415	1368	2904	2854	3600	3360
9	1539	1399	3211	3164	3780	3437
10	1554	1425	3516	3473	3819	3500
Add for Additional Members	Contact Medi-Cal Program for amount.		300			

PROPERTY LIMITS	
MFBU	LIMIT
1 (MN)	\$2,000
1 1931(b)	\$3,000
2 (Both)	\$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
QMB 1 = \$4000	
QMB 2 = \$6000	

APPENDIX 11-1-B  
MAINTENANCE NEEDS  
ASSISTANCE STANDARDS

QMB/SLMB/QI-1 LEVELS - EFF 4/1/08						
Family Size	QMB 100%	SLMB 120%	QI-1 135%	TMC 185%	QW/DI 200%	WD 250%
1	867	1040	1170	1604	1734	2167
2	1167	1400	1575	2159	2334	2917
3	1467	1760	1980	2714	2934	3667
4	1767	2120	2385	3269	3534	4417
5	2067	2480	2790	3824	4134	5167
6	2367	2840	3195	4379	4734	5917
7	2667	3200	3600	4934	5334	6667
8	2967	3560	4005	5489	5934	7417
9	3267	3920	4410	6044	6534	8167
10	3567	4280	4815	6599	7134	8917
Add'l Members	300	360	405	555	600	750

LTC MAINTENANCE NEEDS-EFF 7/89	
MN/MI Individual	35
SSI Eligibles LTC	40
HOME UPKEEP	
Living Alone	209
Shared	138
Both Spouses LTC	176

A&D FPL DISREGARDS		
EFF DATE	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLE
1/1/09-3/31/09	\$230	\$412
6/1/08-12/31/08	\$230	\$391
4/1/08-5/31/08	\$230	\$357
1/1/08-3/31/08	\$230	\$383

COMM SPOUSE INCOME ALLOCATION-EFF 1/1/09	
	\$2,739
	ACWDL 08-49

FAMILY MEMBER MAX. ALLOCATION EFF 7/1/08	
	\$1,750
	ACWDL 08-20

SGA SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY-EFF 1/1/09	
	\$980
	SGA FOR A BLIND PERSON
	\$1,570
	ACWDL 08-50

"SSI STANDARD ALLOCATION" AND QMB STANDARD-EFF 1/1/09	
	\$337
	ACWDL 08-57, 08-60

FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE (FBR)-EFF 1/1/09		
Use to Determine Parental Deduction Use for 250% WD		
YEAR	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLE
2009	674	1,011
2008	637	956
2007	623	934
2006	603	904
2005	579	869
2004	564	846
2003	552	829
2002	545	817
		ACWDL 08-60

MEDICARE PREMIUMS-EFF 1/1/09	
PART A	
\$443	for persons who don't receive no-cost
\$244	for at least 30 quarters of coverage
	PART B
	\$96.40
	If income is above \$85,000 for one person or \$170,000 for a couple, the Part B premium may be higher than \$96.40 per month.

ISM - EFFECTIVE 1/1/09		
IN-KIND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE		
	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLE
VTR	224.66	337.00
PMV	244.66	357.00
	For scenarios, please see MPG 5-10-E1	
	ACWDL 08-51	

COMPLETE SSI PAYMENT STANDARDS CAN BE FOUND IN MPG 5-10-F

MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLES-EFF 1/1/09	
PART A - INPATIENT CARE	
\$1068	for 0-60 days
\$265	per day for 61-90 days
\$534	per day for 91-150 days
	PART A - SKILLED NURSING FACILITY CARE
\$133.50	per day for 21-100 days
	There is no deductible for days 1-20.
	PART B - ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE
	\$135

CSRA- EFF 1/1/09	
YEAR	RATE
2009	109,560
2008	104,400
2007	101,640
2006	99,540
2005	95,100
2004	92,760
2003	90,660
2002	89,280
2001	87,000
2000	84,120
	ACWDL 08-49

APPR - EFF 1/1/09	
YEAR	RATE
2009	5698
2008	5496
2007	5101
2006	5031
2005	4812
2004	4477
	ACWDL 09-05

PICKLE DISREGARD	
LAST SSI/SSP CHECK RECEIVED BETWEEN	EFF 1/09
1/08 through 12/08	.0548
1/07 through 12/07	.0761
1/06 through 12/06	.1056
1/05 through 12/05	.1408
1/04 through 12/04	.1634
1/03 through 12/03	.1806
1/02 through 12/02	.1919
1/01 through 12/01	.2124
1/00 through 12/00	.2390
1/99 through 12/99	.2569
	FOR COMPLETE CHART SEE 5-10-D
	ACWDL 08-51

TB STANDARDS - EFF 1/1/09	
TB Resource \$ Limit = \$2000 (Exception to \$2000 limit is when determining a child's eligibility and there are two parents present. Allow the parents a property limit of \$3000)	
YEAR	INDIVIDUAL
2009	1,433
2008	1,359
2007	1,331
2006	1,291
2005	1,243
2004	1,213
2003	1,189