

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Letter #675

April 29, 2009

Subject **NEW Aged & Disabled (A&D) FPL INCOME LIMIT AND DISREGARD, AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME/STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT (SSI/SSP) PAYMENT STANDARD AND CASH GRANT REDUCTION**

Effective Date May 1, 2009

Reference ACWDL 09-18, 09-19, 09-20

Purpose This letter:

- Provides new A&D FPL Income limits and disregards,
- Provides new SSI/SSP payment levels,
- Updates the MPG with the income and resource standard changes, and updates the Pickle Handbook.

Background On February 20, 2009, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill X3 6 (Chapter 13, Statutes of 2009). This new law reduces the SSP Payment Standard back to December 2008 levels. A&D FPL Income Limits and Disregards are based on SSI/SSP payment standards.

Changes Effective May 1, 2009:

- The A&D FPL income limit for couples will be \$1525.
- The A&D FPL standard disregard for couples will be reduced to \$310.
- New SSI/SSP payment standards have been added to the Pickle Handbook.

Exceptions The income limit for an A&D FPL individual will remain \$1133 and the A&D FPL standard disregard for an individual will remain \$230.

The SSP rates for those living in Title XIX medical facilities or in non-medical out-of-home care living arrangements are exempt from the SSP reductions.

Required Action Effective May 1, 2009:

- Workers will use the new income and disregard amounts when determining/redetermining eligibility to the A&D FPL program.
- Workers will use the new Pickle Handbook figures when allocating income to or from SSI/SSP recipients and the MFBU.

Automation Impact Workers are to follow current Bottom Line Override established procedures until the A&D FPL Income Standards and SSP Payment Levels Reference Tables are updated. Contact the Operational Support Help Desk at (619) 515-6700 for assistance.

The A&D FPL Income Standards and SSP Payment Levels Reference Tables will be updated at a later date. The Project is currently in the process of developing a BEnDs. The BEnDs and a list of affected cases will be distributed via email upon receipt from the Project.

Forms Impact None.

Quality Assurance Impact Effective with June 2009 review month, Quality Assurance will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

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

Section	Summary of Change
Article 5, Section 10, Appendix F	New SSI/SSP cash grant levels.
Article 11, Section 1, Appendix B	New A&D FPL income and disregard limits for couples.

Manager Approval

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