Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) # 676

September 14, 2009	
Subject	**2009/2010 FAMILY MEMBER MAXIMUM BASE ALLOCATION AMOUNT**
Effective Date	Upon receipt
Reference	ACWDL 09-37
Purpose	The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of the change to the family member maximum base allocation amount effective 7/1/2009.
Background	The family member maximum base allocation amount is the amount that a Long Term Care beneficiary may allocate to family members. Effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 the family member maximum base allocation amount is $1822.
Required Action	The CalWIN project has generated a list of cases affected by this change (the list is attached to the email distribution of this notice). Cases effected are those where a spouse is in LTC and the at-home spouse has a dependent child. The identified cases must be reviewed in CalWIN to ensure that the July allocations are correct. Workers must run EBDC on these cases and review the budget information to ensure that the correct family member maximum base allocation is used for July 2009 onward.
Automation Impact	The CalWIN reference table was updated on September 5, 2009.
Forms Impact	None

Quality Assurance

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

Summary of Change

The table below shows the changes made to the Program Guide.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 11, Section 1,	Infomapped section
Appendix A & B	Removed Appendix A & B
Appendix A	Changed the Family Member Maximum Allocation amount from $1,750 to $1,822. Combined Appendix A & B and added as separate section.

Manager Approval

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