

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Letter #738

October 17, 2011

Subject 2011/2012 FAMILY MEMBER BASE ALLOCATION AMOUNT AND CORRECTIONS TO APPENDIX A MAINTENANCE NEEDS ASSISTANCE STANDARDS CHART - 2011/2012 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS (FPLs)

Effective Date July 1, 2011

Reference ACWDL 11-16, 11-32 and MPG LTR #724

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of the change to the family member maximum base allocation amount effective 7/1/2011; and the corrections to the MPG Article 11, Section 1A – Appendix A - Assistance Standards Chart.

Background The family member maximum base allocation amount is the amount that a long-term care (LTC) beneficiary may allocate to family members.

The FPLs are adjusted annually, effective April 1st.

Changes Effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the family member base allocation amount for a family member living with the community spouse of a beneficiary with LTC status is \$1839.

The Assistance Standards Chart issued with MPG Letter # 724 included incorrect figures for the 100% FPL limits. The chart has been updated to reflect the corrected FPLs for:

- Income Disregard Program and Asset Waiver Provisions; and
 - Section 1931(b)
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Required Action Effective July 1, 2011, any determinations/redeterminations for eligibility to the LTC Program must use the revised income standard.

Workers are required to ensure that the corrected FPL figures provided in [MPG Article 11, Section 1A](#) are used when determining eligibility for Medi-Cal programs that utilize FPL income levels.

Automation Impact

The CalWIN project has generated a list of cases affected by this change (available under the Medi-Cal Program Reports section of SharePoint [here](#)). Workers are responsible for reviewing the identified cases in CalWIN to ensure that the July 2011 allocations are correct.

The CalWIN Reference Table (RT) for the FPL limits was updated on April 8, 2011.

Forms Impact

No Impact

ACCESS Impact

No Impact

Imaging Impact

No Impact

Quality Assurance Impact

Effective with the November 2011 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.

Section	Changes												
Article 11, Section 1A – Appendix A – Assistance Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changed the Family Member Maximum Allocation amount from \$1822 to \$1839.• Updated to reflect the corrections to the 100% FPL limits. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>HH Size</th><th>From</th><th>To</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>3</td><td>1544</td><td>1545</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>2499</td><td>2500</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>3773</td><td>3774</td></tr></tbody></table>	HH Size	From	To	3	1544	1545	6	2499	2500	10	3773	3774
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3	1544	1545											
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Appendix A Maintenance Needs Assistance Standards

MN & FPL CHART – EFF 4/01/11					MN INCOME IN-KIND VALUES – EFF 7/1/89					1931 (B) INCOME IN-KIND VALUES – EFF 6/1/99					
HH Size	MMNL	100%	133%	200%	HH SIZE	HOUSING	UTILITIES	FOOD	CLOTHING	HH SIZE	HOUSING	UTILITIES	FOOD	CLOTHING	
1	600	908	1207	1815	1	153	33	86	27	1	161	34	90	27	
2	750	1226	1631	2452	2	206	38	182	49	2	217	39	191	52	
2 Adults	934	1226	1631	2452	3	225	40	232	75	3	237	42	244	79	
3	934	1545	2054	3089	4	236	41	286	100	4	248	44	301	105	
4	1100	1863	2478	3725	5	236	41	346	126	5	248	44	363	133	
5	1259	2181	2901	4362	6	236	41	401	149	6	248	44	422	157	
6	1417	2500	3324	4999	7	236	41	447	178	7	248	44	470	187	
7	1550	2818	3748	5635	8	236	42	490	199	8	248	44	515	209	
8	1692	3136	4171	6272	9	236	41	537	227	9	248	44	565	239	
9	1825	3455	4595	6910	10	236	41	582	249	10	248	44	612	261	
10	1959	3774	5019	7548											
Add for Addit'l Members	14	319	424	638	* Effective 3/9/2005 In-Kind amounts for clothing only apply to 1931(b).										

1931 (b) INCOME STANDARDS				1931 (b) SNEEDE V. KIZER INCOME/PROPERTY PRORATIONS								PROPERTY LIMITS	
HH SIZE	1931 (B) LIMIT	OR	100%	No. of Kids in MBU	EFF 12/1/04		EFF 4/01/11		PROPERTY		MFBU	LIMIT	
						1931 (B) LIMITS		100%		1931 (b) LIMIT OR 100%			
					1 Parent	2 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parent	1 Parent	2 Parent			
1	398			908	1	327	270	613	515	1500	1050	1 (MN)	\$2,000
2	653			1226	2	539	481	1030	932	2100	1650	1	\$3,000
3	808			1545	3	721	657	1398	1309	2475	2070	2 (Both)	\$3,000
4	961			1863	4	876	820	1745	1667	2760	2400	3	\$3,150
5	1094			2181	5	1025	965	2084	2013	3000	2679	4	\$3,300
6	1229			2500	6	1158	1105	2416	2352	3215	2925	5	\$3,450
7	1350			2818	7	1289	1238	2744	2688	3413	3150	6	\$3,600
8	1473			3236	8	1415	1368	3072	3020	3600	3360	7	\$3,750
9	1591		3455	9	1539	1399	3397	3349	3780	3437	8	\$3,900	
10	1709		3774	10	1554	1425	3621	3677	3819	3500	9	\$4,050	
Effective	12/1/04		4/1/11								10	\$4,200	
More than 10	1709		Add for Additional Members 319	Add for Additional Members	Contact Medi-Cal Program for amount		319				QMB 1 = \$6,680 QMB 2 = \$10,020		

QMB/SLMB/QI-1 LEVELS – EFF 04/01/2011						
Family Size	QMB 100%	SLMB 120%	QI-1 135%	TMC 185%	QWDI 200%	WD 250%
1	908	1089	1226	1679	1815	2269
2	1226	1471	1655	2268	2452	3065
3	1545	1853	2085	2857	3089	3861
4	1863	2235	2515	3446	3725	4657
5	2181	2617	2945	4035	4362	5453
6	2500	2999	3374	4624	4999	6248
7	2818	3381	3804	5213	5635	7044
8	3136	3763	4234	5802	6272	7840
9	3455	4145	4664	6391	6910	8636
10	3774	4527	5093	6980	7548	9432
Add for Addit'l Members	319	382	430	589	638	796

COMPLETE SSI PAYMENT STANDARDS CAN BE FOUND IN MPG ([ARTICLE 5, SECTION 10 Appendix L](#))

LTC MAINTENANCE NEEDS- EFF 7/89	
MNM Individual	35
SSI Eligible LTC	40
Home Upkeep	
Living Alone	209
Shared	138
Both Spouses LTC	176

A&D FPL DISREGARDS		
EFF DATE	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLE
4/1/09 – 12/31/09	\$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

COMM SPOUSE INCOME ALLOCATION EFF 1/1/08	
\$2,739	
ACWDL 08-49	
FAMILY MEMBER MAX ALLOCATION EFF 7/1/11	
\$1839	
ACWDL 11-32	
250% WD SSI STANDARD ALLOCATION AND WMB STANDARD 1/01/11	
\$337	
ACWDL 09-60	
SGA SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY EFF 1/1/09	SGA FOR A BLIND PERSON EFF 1/1/09
\$1,000	\$1,640
ACWDL 09-56	

CSRA EFF 1/1/09	
YEAR	RATE
2009	109,580
2008	104,400
2007	101,640
2006	99,540
2005	92,760
2004	90,660
2003	89,280
2001	87,000
2000	84,120
ACWDL 04-49	
APPR EFF 1/1/11	
YEAR	RATE
2011	6840
2010	6311
2009	5698
2008	5496
2007	5101
2006	5031
2005	4812
ACWDL 10-06	

FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE (FBR) – EFF 1/01/11		
Use to Determine Parental Deduction		
Use for 250% WD		
YEAR	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLE
2010/2011	674	1,011
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 1/01/11		
PART A		
\$450	For persons who don't receive no-cost	
\$248	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. The premium for newly Medicare eligible beneficiaries is \$115.40.		

ISM – EFFECTIVE 1/01/09		
IN-KIND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE		
	INDIVIDUAL	COUPLE
VTR	224.66	337.00
PMV	244.66	357.00
For scenarios, please see (Article 5, Section 10 Appendix K) ACWDL 08-51		
MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLES – EFF 1/01/11		
PART A – INPATIENT CARE		
\$1132	for 0-60 days	
\$283	per day for 61-90 days	
\$566	Per day for 91-150 days	
PART A- SKILLED NURSING FACILITY CARE		
\$141.50	Per day for 21-100 days	
There is no deductible for days 1-20		
PART B – ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE		
\$135		

TB STANDARDS – EFF 1/01/11	
TB Resource \$ Limit = \$2,000 (Exception to \$2,000 limit is when determining a child's eligibility and there are two parents present. Allow the parents a property limit of \$3,000)	
INCOME	
YEAR	INDIVIDUAL
2011	1,433
2010	1,433
2009	1,433
2008	1,359
2007	1,331
2006	1,291
2005	1,243
2004	1,213
2003	1,189

PICKLE DISREGARD	
Last SSI/SSP Check Received Between	Effective 1/1/09
1/08 - 12/08	.0548
1/07 - 12/07	.0761
1/06 - 12/06	.1056
1/05 - 12/05	.1408
1/04 - 12/04	.1634
1/03 - 12/03	.1806
1/02 - 12/02	.1919
1/01 - 12/01	.2124
1/00 - 12/00	.2390
1/99 - 12/99	.2569
For Complete Chart see (Article 5, Section 10 Appendix E) ACWDL 08-51	