

Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter #595

May 31, 2006

Subject **2006/2007 FAMILY MEMBER MAXIMUM BASE ALLOCATION AMOUNT AND COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) MAINTENANCE NEED LEVEL (MNL)**

Effective Date July 1, 2006

Reference ACWDL 06-13 and County Policy

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to provide staff with the updated Maximum Base Allocation amount for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 as well as the CMS Maintenance Need Level effective July 1, 2006.

Background ***Family Member Maximum Base Allocation***
The Maximum Base Allocation is updated annually. The increase is effective each July. The family-member maximum base allocation amount is used to determine how much the long-term care (LTC) beneficiary may allocate to family members.

CMS MNL

The Board of Supervisors directed the County to increase the CMS MNL to 135% of the federal poverty level (FPL) effective December 1, 2005 to be adjusted annually effective July 1..

Changes ***Family Member Maximum Base Allocation***
Effective July 1, 2006, the family-member maximum base allocation amount is \$1,650 for a family member living with the community spouse of a beneficiary with LTC status.

CMS MNL

The CMS MNL is being increased to match the current 135% FPL limits.

Also, MNL table and property limit tables have been removed from Appendix A as they are included in MPG Article 11, Section 1, Appendix A

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Required Action

Family Member Maximum Base Allocation

Ad hocs were ordered on May 16, 2006 to identify cases with allocation BICs to/from LTC individuals. The ad hocs are attached to this letter. The identified cases will need to be reviewed in CalWIN after go-live to ensure that the July allocations are correct. Workers will need to run EDBC on these cases and review the budget information to ensure that the correct maximum base allocation was used for July 2006.

CMS MNL

CMS workers are to use the revised FPL limits for CMS determinations for the month of July 2006 and ongoing.

Automation Impact

The CalWIN reference table was updated on May 11, 2006.

Forms Impact

No impact.

Quality Assurance Impact

Effective with the August 2006 review month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not comply with the requirements of this letter.

Summary of Change

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

Section	Changes
Article 11, Section 1, Appendix A	CMS MNL updated effective July 1, 2006.
Article 11, Section 1, Appendix B	Family Member Maximum Base Allocation Amount updated effective July 1, 2006.
Article A, Section 5	Removed the table from the Program Guide and added a reference to MPG Article 11, Section 1, Appendix A.

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**Filing
Instructions**

The table below shows how to file the Program Guide material.

Action	Pages
Remove	Article 11-1-A through 11-1-B Article A-5-3 through A-5-8
Replace	Article 11-1-A through 11-1-B Article A-5-3 through A-5-8

**Important
Notice**

The MPG is available in its entirety on the County Intranet by accessing http://hhsa_intranet/manuals/mpg/index.html. The MPG revisions listed in this letter will be entered into the Intranet MPG at the next update.

**Manager
Approval**

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