

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
Medi-Cal Program Guide Special Notice**

**2015 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act Spousal Impoverishment Caps**

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15-03**

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**Issue Date:**

March 5, 2015

**Effective Date:**

January 1, 2015

**Background:**

Spousal Impoverishment limits for resources and income are allowed to provide an opportunity for the Long-Term Care (LTC) spouse to have a reduced or no share of cost. The at home spouse may keep more of their income and resources to meet their needs.

**Purpose:**

To provide the Spousal Impoverishment limits for 2015.

**Policy:**

- The Community Spouse Income Allocation is \$2,981 per month.
- The Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$119,200.

**Procedure:**

Use the Community Spouse Income Allocation to determine the net income that the community spouse must allocate to the LTC spouse.

Use the Community Spouse Resource Allowance to determine the amount of property the community spouse may retain in his/her own name.

**Impact/s:**

**Automation**

No impact. The values in this Special Notice were updated in CalWIN in December.

**Quality Control**

Quality Control will cite cases in which the instructions in this Special Notice are not followed.

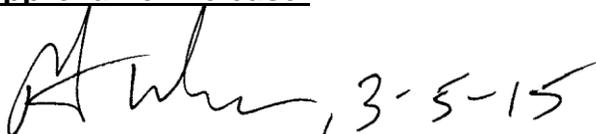
**References:**

[ACWDL 15-04](#)

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by March 31, 2016.

**Approval for Release:**



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