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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Pickle Coordinators

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME/STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT (SSI/SSP) FOR 1995 AND PICKLE ELIGIBILITY

Ref.: SSI/SSP Payment Standard Charts, January 1995, 1994, and 1993

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to provide an answer to the counties regarding the question, "What payment standard do I use for Pickle individuals in January 1995, and which do I use for the grandfathered Pickle beneficiaries"?

Answer:

1. For the 503 Leads beneficiaries use the January 1995 SSI/SSI Payment Standard chart (enclosed), for example a single person at $614.40.

2. For those who were Pickle eligible in August 1993 who would have lost their eligibility except that they were grandfathered in under the 2.7 percent grandfathering provision: Continue using the SSI/SSP Payment Standard dated January 1, 1993 (enclosed), for example a single individual at $620.00. Keep in aid codes 14, 24, or 64.

3. For those who were Pickle eligible in August 1994 who would have lost eligibility except they were grandfathered in under the 2.3 percent grandfathering provision: Continue using the January 1994 SSI/SSP Payment Standard chart (enclosed), for example $603.40 (single individual). However, if the beneficiary is ineligible due to income above $603.40 but it is below $614.40, use the January 1995 SSI/SSP Payment Standard to determine whether they may once again be eligible for the Pickle program using aid codes 16, 26, or 66. If they go off regular Pickle, they can once again be grandfathered in to the 2.3 percent program in aid codes 14, 24, or 64.

Please note that some of these individuals may be once again SSI/SSP eligible under the new SSI/SSP Payment Standard (January 1995) which includes those, for example, below $614.40 for a single person. For many, reinstatements to SSI/SSP should be automatic. If an individual feels he/she should be reinstated to SSI/SSP, he/she should contact their local social security office.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON 2.7/2.3 PERCENT BENEFICIARIES: Some (less than 1,000) 2.7/2.3 percent beneficiaries received the Pickle Stuffer erroneously. This is because these beneficiaries were placed on the 2.7/2.3 percent programs manually and therefore did not show the "RO"/"QO" Pickle indicators. It is not necessary to evaluate these persons for Pickle at this time. These beneficiaries can be identified on the QM screen of Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System by looking at the government responsibility (GOVT-RESP) field which is a "2" and the eligibility status (ELIG-STAT) code which is an "007".

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Finberg of my staff at (916) 657-0080.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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SSI/SSP
SECTION 16--PAYMENT STANDARDS
JANUARY 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1995

	Independent Living Arrangement			Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board			Independent Living Arrangement Without Cooking Facilities (RMA)[1]/			Nonmedical Board and Care Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind Room & Board		
	Total	SSI (FBR)	SSP	Total	SSI (FBR)	SSP	Total	SSI (FBR)	SSP	Total	SSI (FBR)	SSP
INDIVIDUAL:												
Aged or Disabled	614.40	458.00	156.40	473.80	305.34	168.46	682.40	458.00	224.40	760.00	458.00	302.00
Blind	669.40	458.00	211.40	539.40	305.34	234.06				760.00	458.00	302.00
Disabled Minor*	521.40	458.00	63.40	372.17	305.34	66.83				760.00	458.00	302.00
NMOHC[2]/				614.34	305.34	309.00						
COUPLE:												
Both are:												
Aged or Disabled												
Per couple	1,101.71	687.00	414.71	910.02	458.00	452.02	1,237.71	687.00	550.71	1,520.00	687.00	833.00
BLIND:												
Couple–Both are blind												
Per couple	1,285.18	687.00	598.18	1,093.49	458.00	635.49				1,520.00	687.00	833.00
BLIND/AGED OR DISABLED												
Couple One is blind, the other is aged or disabled												
Per couple	1,216.73	687.00	529.73	1,025.05	458.00	567.05				1,520.00	687.00	833.00
NMOHC[2]/												
Per Couple				1,276.33	458.00	818.33						

NONMEDICAL BOARD AND CARE

	Minimum	Maximum
TOTAL	$ 760.00	$ 760.00
Board and Room	324.00	324.00
Care and Supervision	279.00 Min.	347.00 Max.
Personal and Incidental Needs	157.00 Max.	89.00 Min.

FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE (FBR)

INDIVIDUAL: Aged, Blind, or Disabled	$ 458.00
COUPLE: Aged, Blind, or Disabled	$ 687.00

* Independent living arrangement for a disabled minor means living in the home of his/her parents. Household of another is used if both the disabled minor and his/her parents live in the household of someone else, i.e., grandparents, etc.

[1]/ RMA - Restaurant Meals Allowance

[2]/ NMOHC[2] - Nonmedical out-of-home care living in household of relative with In-Kind Room and Board.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

ESTIMATES BUREAU
November 1993
October 15, 1993

ACTUAL SSI/SSP PAYMENT STANDARDS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1994
CNI - Chapter 97/91 (SB 724) suspended the SSP COLA.
CPI - Chapter 69/93 (SB 35) included no pass-through of the SSI COLA.
(Reflects a 9/93 2.7% reduction to the total 6/93 SSI/SSP Standard.)

CNI: 2.37% (a)
CPI: 2.60% (a)

PROGRAM	INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS			REDUCED NEEDS: HOUSEHOLD OF ANOTHER			RESTAURANT MEALS: INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT WITHOUT COOKING FACILITIES			NMOHC: NON-MEDICAL BOARD AND CARE		
	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP
INDIVIDUAL:												
AGED OR DISABLED	603.40	446.00	157.40	476.77	297.34	179.43	671.40	446.00	225.40	748.00	446.00	302.00
BLIND	670.40	446.00	224.40	543.91	297.34	246.57	NA	NA	NA	748.00	446.00	302.00
DISABLED MINOR	509.40	446.00	63.40	364.17	297.34	66.83	NA	NA	NA	748.00	446.00	302.00
NMOHC				606.34	297.34	309.00						
COUPLE:												
AGED OR DISABLED - per couple	1,109.22	669.00	440.22	919.82	446.00	473.82	1,245.22	669.00	576.22	1,477.00	669.00	808.00
BLIND - per couple	1,297.01	669.00	628.01	1,106.61	446.00	660.61	NA	NA	NA	1,477.00	669.00	808.00
BLIND/AGED OR DISABLED - per couple	1,226.95	669.00	557.95	1,036.56	446.00	590.56	NA	NA	NA	1,477.00	669.00	808.00
NMOHC - per couple				1,264.33	446.00	818.33						

NOTE: NMOHC recipients excluded from reduction.

TITLE XIX MEDICAL FACILITY

Total	$42
SSI	30
SSP	12

NON-MEDICAL BOARD AND CARE

Total		$748	$748
Board and Room		319	319
Care and Supervision	Minimum:	275	Maximum: 341
Personal and Incidental Needs	Maximum:	154	Minimum: 88

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

ESTIMATES BRANCH
NOVEMBER 1992
OCTOBER 19, 1992

SSI/SSP PAYMENT STANDARDS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1993

CNI - Chapter 97/91 (SB 724) suspended the SSP COLA.
CPI - Chapter 94/91 (AB 385) included the pass-through of the SSI COLA.
(Includes a 11/92 5.8% reduction in the total 1/92 SSI/SSP Standard.)

CNI: 1.81% (a)
CPI: 3.00% (a)

PROGRAM	INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS			REDUCED NEEDS: HOUSEHOLD OF ANOTHER			RESTAURANT MEALS: INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT WITHOUT COOKING FACILITIES			NMDHC: NON-MEDICAL BOARD AND CARE		
	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP	TOTAL	SSI	SSP
INDIVIDUAL:												
AGED OR DISABLED	620.00	434.00	186.00	490.00	289.34	200.66	688.00	434.00	254.00	736.00	434.00	302.00
BLIND	689.00	434.00	255.00	559.00	289.34	269.66	NA	NA	NA	736.00	434.00	302.00
DISABLED MINOR	497.40	434.00	63.40	366.00	289.34	76.66	NA	NA	NA	736.00	434.00	302.00
NMDHC				598.34	289.34	309.00						
COUPLE:												
AGED OR DISABLED												
per couple	1140.00	652.00	488.00	944.67	434.67	510.00	1276.00	652.00	624.00	1460.00	652.00	808.00
per person	570.00	326.00	244.00	472.34	217.34	255.00	638.00	326.00	312.00	730.00	326.00	404.00
BLIND												
per couple	1333.00	652.00	681.00	1137.67	434.67	703.00	NA	NA	NA	1460.00	652.00	808.00
per person	666.50	326.00	340.50	568.84	217.34	351.50	NA	NA	NA	730.00	326.00	404.00
BLIND AND OR DISABLED												
per couple	1261.00	652.00	609.00	1065.67	434.67	631.00	NA	NA	NA	1460.00	652.00	808.00
per person	630.50	326.00	304.50	532.84	217.34	315.50	NA	NA	NA	730.00	326.00	404.00
NMDHC												
per couple				1253.00	434.67	818.33						
per person				626.50	217.34	409.17						

Note: NMDHC recipients excluded from reduction.

TITLE XIX MEDICAL FACILITY

Total	442
SSI	30
SSP	12

NON-MEDICAL BOARD AND CARE

Total		1736		1736
Board and Room		314		314
Care and Supervision	Minimum:	271	Maximum:	336
Personal & Incidental Needs	Maximum:	151	Minimum:	86