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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

Letter No.: 02-53

SUBJECT: 2003 MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE ACT (MCCA) SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT CAPS

The purpose of this letter is to provide county welfare departments with the new maximum income and property caps under MCCA. Effective January 1, 2003, the community spouse resource allowance is $90,660; the new maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance need allowance is $2,267 per month.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Ms. Nichole Hansen regarding property at (916) 657-0837 or Mr. Dave Rappolee regarding income at (916) 657-0163.

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