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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

Letter No.:03-21

SUBJECT: NEW INCOME LIMITS AND DISREGARDS FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAM FOR 2003

This letter is to provide counties with the 2003 income limits for the Aged and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) program as follows:

The effective income limit for an A&D FPL individual is $979 as of April 1, 2003. This income limit is equal to $749 (100 percent of the FPL for one effective April 1, 2003) and the $230 standard disregard for an individual.

The A&D FPL couple income limit according to the formula for this program would be 100 percent of the FPL for two and the standard $310 disregard for a couple. However, Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14005.40 (1) requires that the A&D FPL couples effective income standard be no less than the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) couple payment standard. The new SSI/SSP payment standard is $1,344 from January 1, 2003, through May 31, 2003, and $1,382 from June 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003.

For determinations from January 1, 2003, through March 31, 2003, the income disregard would be $349 which is the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment of $1344 and $995 (100 percent of the FPL for two effective April 1, 2002).

The income disregard must be reduced to $334 for determinations from April 1 to May 31, 2003. This is equal to the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment of $1,344 and $1,010 (100 percent of FPL for two effective April 1, 2003).

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From June 1, 2003, to December 31, 2003, the couple income disregard will be increased to $373 which is equal to the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment amount of $1,382 and $1,010 (100 percent of FPL for two effective April 1, 2003).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Craig Yagi of my staff at (916) 657-1182.

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