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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

Letter No.: 05-15

SUBJECT: NEW LIMITS AND DISREGARDS FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAM FOR 2005

This letter is to provide counties with the 2005 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 $1028 as of April 1, 2005. This income limit is equal to $798 (100 percent of the FPL for one, effective April 1, 2005) 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 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 shall not be less than the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) payment standard. The new SSI/SSP payment standard for a couple is $1422 as of January 1, 2005.

For determinations from January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005, the income disregard would be $381, which is the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment of $1422 and $1041 (100 percent of the FPL for two, effective April 1, 2004).

The income disregard must be reduced to $367 for determinations from April 1 to December 31, 2005. This is equal to the difference between the SSI/SSP couple

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payment level, which is now $1437 as of April 1, 2005 and $1070 (100 percent of FPL for two effective April 1, 2005).

If you have other questions regarding our letter, please call Mr. Craig Yagi, at (916) 552-9522.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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