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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information

Letter No.: I 26-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2026 Tuberculosis Income Standard and Related Issues
Reference: ACWDL [25-29](#).

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with the 2026 Income Standard and resource information for use in the Medi-Cal Tuberculosis (TB) program. This letter also includes the methodology used for each standard and/or limit provided.

2026 TB Income Standard

Individual: \$2,073

The methodology used for determining the income eligibility standard for this group is the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) break-even point as required by Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6A of the State Plan.

The SSI break-even point computation (Social Security POMS Section SI 00810.350): Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) $\$994 \times 2 + \$85 = \$2,073$.

NOTE: If the applicant is married and living with a spouse, use only the applicant's income received in his/her name.

2026 Resource Limit

Individual: \$130,000

NOTE:

- If the applicant is married, when determining property, use only

the applicant's separate property and one-half of the community property.

- When determining a child's eligibility, and there are two parents present, allow the parents a property limit of \$195,000. When there is only one parent, use the individual resource limit of \$130,000.

2026 Supplemental Security Income Standard Allocation

The maximum ineligible child allocation is \$497. The allocation for ineligible children is deducted for each ineligible child who lives in the household. There is no ineligible child allocation for any child who receives public assistance.

The computation to determine the SSI standard allocation (SSA POMS SI 01320.500, Social Security Act Section 1614(f)(2)(A), 20 CFR 416.1165) is the difference between the FBR for a couple and the FBR for an individual: \$1,491 - \$994 = \$497.

2026 FBR (used to determine the Parental Deduction)

Individual: \$994

Couple: \$1,491

Previous Year Standards

Year	TB Income Standard	SSI Standard Allocation	FBR
2022	Individual: \$1,767	\$420	Individual: \$841 Couple: \$1,261
2023	Individual: \$1,913	\$457	Individual: \$914 Couple: \$1,371
2024	Individual: \$1,971	\$472	Individual: \$943 Couple: \$1,415
2025	Individual: \$2,019	\$483	Individual: \$967 Couple: \$1,450

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If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact by email at kalia.vang@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (If applicable)