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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 20-27
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2021 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act Spousal Impoverishment Caps

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of an increase to the maximum income and property caps under the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act.

Effective January 1, 2021, the community spouse resource allowance is \$130,380.00 and the maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance is \$3,260.00 per month.

DHCS will inform counties when these amounts are updated on the following forms, via a Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter:

- Medi-Cal General Property Limitations ([MC 007](#))
- Notice Regarding Standards for Medi-Cal Eligibility ([DHCS 7077](#)), and
- Notice Regarding Standards for Medi-Cal Eligibility and Recovery ([DHCS 7102](#)).

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