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To: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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ALL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH EXECUTIVES

LETTER No.: 04-36

SUBJECT: 2005 MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE ACT SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT CAPS

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Welfare Departments with the new maximum income and property caps under Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act. Effective January 1, 2005, the community spouse resource allowance is $95,100; the new maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance need allowance is $2,378 per month.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Ms. Nichole Hansen regarding property at (916) 552-9484, or Mr. Dave Rappolee regarding income at (916) 552-9517.

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