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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 22-07  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: New Limits for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Federal Poverty Level  
(Reference: ACWDL [21-06](#))

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide updated income limits for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (ABD FPL) program that are effective April 1, 2022.

The ABD FPL effective income limit is the greater of:

- The [Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment \(SSI/SSP\)](#)<sup>1</sup> rate, or
- 138 percent of the applicable FPL.

The income limit for an ABD FPL individual will be \$1564. This income limit is equal to 138 percent of the FPL for an individual.

The income limit for an ABD FPL couple, including when one or both individuals are blind, will be \$2106. This income limit is equal to 138 percent of the FPL for two adults.

The current FPLs are higher than the May 1, 2009 SSI/SSP rates for couples with one or two blind individuals. As a result, the FPL for two adults will be used for couples, unless the FPLs drop below the SSI/SSP payment rates, as the greater of the two rates are to be used to determine the ABD FPL income limit for these individuals.

Counties shall reevaluate eligibility based on the revised income limits for all cases and applications containing ABD individuals back to April 1, 2022 that were unable to have

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<sup>1</sup> ACWDL No. [21-30](#) 2022 Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment Cash Grant Levels for Determining Pickle Eligibility and Other Related Information

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eligibility reevaluated through the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) batch runs.

Note that per Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letters (MEDILs) I 20-07, I 20-08, I 20-18, I 20-25, I 20-26 and ACWDL 21-16, counties must delay processing of Medi-Cal annual renewals, and defer discontinuances and other negative actions based on the declared State and National Emergency due to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The county shall continue to process determinations or redeterminations for those individuals who would gain access to health care coverage and resolve barriers related to access to care.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Daniela Gutierrez at (916) 345-8064 or by email at [Daniela.Gutierrez@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Daniela.Gutierrez@dhcs.ca.gov).

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