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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 25-27
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2026 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM PROPERTY LIMITS
(Reference ACWDL: [22-25](#) and [22-28](#))

Purpose:

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide counties with the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) property limit amounts to be used in determining eligibility starting January 1, 2026. Because the MSP property limits are the same as the other Non-MAGI programs and will not change annually, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will no longer publish this ACWDL.

MSP 2026 Property Limits

Effective January 1, 2026, the asset limits used to determine MSP eligibility are \$130,000 for an individual, \$195,000 for a couple. Federal law sets the MSP asset limits three times the Supplemental Security Income property limit, with an annual increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). However, DHCS has received federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement higher asset limits than the federally established limits for MSP eligibility determinations.

Important: ACWDL [25-14](#) provides guidance regarding the reinstatement of the asset/property limits for the affected Non-MAGI programs, including MSPs, effective January 1, 2026. In California, there were no asset/property limits for MSPs from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this letter, please contact the Non-MAGI unit at NonMAGIInbox@dhcs.ca.gov. County questions regarding policy guidance should be sent to MCED-Policy@dhcs.ca.gov.

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