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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

Letter No.: 05-15

**SUBJECT: NEW LIMITS AND DISREGARDS FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED
FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAM FOR 2005**

This letter is to provide counties with the 2005 income limits for the Aged and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) program as follows:

The effective income limit for an A&D FPL individual is \$1028 as of April 1, 2005. This income limit is equal to \$798 (100 percent of the FPL for one, effective April 1, 2005) and the \$230 standard disregard for an individual.

The A&D FPL couple income limit, according to the formula for this program, would be 100 percent of FPL for two, and the standard \$310 disregard for a couple. However, Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14005.40 (1) requires that the A&D FPL couples effective income standard shall not be less than the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) payment standard. The new SSI/SSP payment standard for a couple is \$1422 as of January 1, 2005.

For determinations from January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005, the income disregard would be \$381, which is the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment of \$1422 and \$1041 (100 percent of the FPL for two, effective April 1, 2004).

The income disregard must be reduced to \$367 for determinations from April 1 to December 31, 2005. This is equal to the difference between the SSI/SSP couple

payment level, which is now \$1437 as of April 1, 2005 and \$1070 (100 percent of FPL for two effective April 1, 2005).

If you have other questions regarding our letter, please call Mr. Craig Yagi, at (916) 552-9522.

Sincerely,

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