May 29, 2002

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Health Executives
All County Mental Health Directors

Letter No.: 02-29

2002/2003 FAMILY-MEMBER MAXIMUM BASE ALLOCATION AMOUNT

This is to provide counties with the updated family-member maximum base allocation amount (per Section 1924(d) of the Social Security Act). The family-member maximum base allocation amount is used to determine how much the long-term care (LTC) beneficiary may allocate to family members. Effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003, this family-member base allocation amount (for use in Section IX, A.2 and B.2 of the Allocation-Special Deduction Worksheet B -- Form MAW (1/90)) for a family member living with the community spouse of a beneficiary with LTC status is $1,493. (The 2000/2001 family-member maximum base allocation amount was $1,452.)

Please direct questions concerning the family-member maximum base allocation amount to Mr. Dave Rapoolee of my staff at (916) 657-0163.

Sincerely,

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Richard Brantingham
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Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch