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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No. : 11-16
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NEW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter Numbers: 90-42, 91-34,
92-19, 93-16, 94-29, 95-19, 96-17, 97-11, 98-14, 99-15, 00-10, 01-16,
02-13, 03-10, 04-04, 05-13, 06-06, 07-04, 08-05, 09-06)

The enclosed chart provides the revised poverty level ceilings for most of the Medi-Cal percentage programs. These ceilings are derived from the annual Federal Poverty Level (FPL) figures published in the Federal Register on January 20, 2011.

For most individuals whose eligibility is based on a percentage of the FPL [including 1931(b) applicants and recipients that receive Retirement, Survivor's and Disability Insurance (RSDI), Title II income], the effective date of these revised FPL figures is April 1, 2011; however, counties must review all denials and discontinuances for the following groups back to the date specified for each group and reevaluate eligibility based on the revised FPL figures:

- For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), including Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low Income Beneficiary and Qualified Individual 1 not receiving RSDI, Title II income--counties must apply the new FPL figure retroactively to the date of publication, which is January 20, 2011. Because California has whole month eligibility, individuals whose applications are approved based on the January 20, 2011, date receive MSP coverage for the entire month of January if otherwise eligible.
- For MSP applicants or recipients who are receiving RSDI, Title II income-- counties must review all denials and discontinuances beginning March 1, 2011, and apply the revised FPL.

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We have also enclosed a new Sneede v. Kizer prorated FPL chart based on the new poverty levels (100 percent), which are used for Section 1931(b) applicants and some recipients. These are also effective April 1, 2011.

If you have other questions on the FPL chart and Sneede v. Kizer prorate chart, please contact Craig Yagi at (916) 327-0410 or craig.yagi@dhcs.ca.gov. MSP questions should be directed to Debra Hader at (916) 327-0407 or debra.hader@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

2011 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHART					Effective 04/01/11*					
Persons	Monthly MMNL(\$)	MMNL as % of FPL	100% (\$) Monthly	Annual(\$) 100% FPL	120% Monthly(\$)	133% Monthly(\$)	135% Monthly(\$)	185% Monthly(\$)	200% Monthly(\$)	250% Monthly(\$)
1	600	66	908	10890	1089	1207	1226	1679	1815	2269
2	750	61	1226	14710	1471	1631	1655	2268	2452	3065
2 Adults	934	76	1226	14710	1471	1631	1655	2268	2452	3065
3	934	60	1545	18530	1853	2054	2085	2857	3089	3861
4	1100	59	1863	22350	2235	2478	2515	3446	3725	4657
5	1259	58	2181	26710	2617	2901	2945	4035	4362	5453
6	1417	57	2500	29990	2999	3324	3374	4624	4999	6248
7	1550	55	2818	33810	3381	3748	3804	5213	5635	7044
8	1692	54	3136	37630	3763	4171	4234	5802	6272	7840
9	1825	53	3455	41450	4145	4595	4664	6391	6910	8636
10	1959	52	3774	45270	4527	5019	5094	6980	7548	9432
Addn'l member add:	+14		+319	+3820	+382	+424	+430	+589	+638	+796

\$35: = for Resident in LTC Facilities

133% FPL: = for Children Ages 1 Up to Age 6

MMNL: = for Medically Needy Program

185% FPL: = for Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC)

100% FPL: = for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and
 =for Children Ages 6 Up to 19 Percent Program; and
 =for FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and
 = for Section 1931 Applicants and for Certain Recipient's

200% FPL: = for Qualified Working Disabled Individuals; and
 = for Pregnant Women and Infants Up to Age 1 (disregard is in the 200% FPL)

120% FPL: < for Specified Low Income Beneficiaries

250% FPL: = for Healthy Families Program, and for Working Disabled Program

135% FPL: = Qualified Individual 1 Program

*For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP-includes Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low Income Beneficiary, and Qualified Individual 1 programs) not receiving RSDI Title 11 income, the FPL figures are effective the date of publication, which is January 20, 2011 for MSP applicants or recipients that are receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1, 2011.

Notes:

"=" means: eligibility if budget unit income is equal to less than income limit.

"<" means: eligibility if budget unit income is less than income limit

Figures in above chart are rounded up to the next dollar where necessary.

**Section 1931(b) Determinations: Sneed v. Kizer
Prorated FPL Income Standard and Property Levels
- April 1, 2011 -**

I. MBU Contains an Adult - May also Include an Unborn		
Person Type	1931(b) Income	Property
Single Parent	\$908	\$3,000
Single Parent with Unborn	\$1,226	\$3,000
Married Couple -Two Adults	\$1,226	\$3,000
Married Couple - with Unborn	\$1,545	\$3,150
Unmarried Couple - Each Unmarried Partner	\$908	\$3,000

II. MBU Contains Adult(s) and Child(ren)
Allow the full non-Sneed Section 1931(b) income/property limits for the MBU based on the number of individuals in the MBU.

III. MBU Contains a Nonparent Caretaker Relative, or Child(ren) with No Parents Living in the Home, or Child(ren) Whose Parent is PA/Other PA or Not in the MFBU
Each MBU receives full non-Sneed(b) income/property limit based on the number of persons in the MBU. If there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, include the unborn in the pregnant minor's MBU.

IV. MBU Contains Only Children Who Live with One or Both Parents (Not Stepparents) and They Are in the Same MFBU. (Do not include a parent who is PA/other PA and not in the MFBU. Also, if there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, her unborn is considered as another child in the pregnant minor's MBU.)				
No. of Children in MBU	One Parent		Two Parents	
	Prorated Income	Prorated Property	Prorated Income	Prorated Property
1	\$613	\$1,500	\$515	\$1,050
2	\$1,030	\$2,100	\$932	\$1,650
3	\$1,398	\$2,475	\$1,309	\$2,070
4	\$1,745	\$2,760	\$1,667	\$2,400
5	\$2,084	\$3,000	\$2,013	\$2,679
6	\$2,416	\$3,215	\$2,352	\$2,925
7	\$2,744	\$3,413	\$2,688	\$3,150
8	\$3,072	\$3,600	\$3,020	\$3,360
9	\$3,397	\$3,780	\$3,349	\$3,437
10	\$3,721	\$3,819	\$3,677	\$3,500

Note 1: Add \$319 for each additional child after 10 to Sec. 1931(b) income standards to determine prorated income standards.

Note 2: (No. Children in MBU) / (No. Parents in MFBU + No. Children in MBU) multiplied by 1931(b) income standard for a budget unit of Parent(s) in MFBU + Child(ren) in MBU = Prorated Income in Part IV