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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 12-10
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: NEW LIMITS AND DISREGARDS FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED
FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAM FOR 2012 – BEGINNING
APRIL 1, 2012

Beginning April 1, 2012, income limits for the Aged and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) are as follows:

The income limit for an A&D FPL individual will be \$1161. This income limit is equal to \$931 (100 percent of FPL) and the \$230 standard disregard for an individual.

The A&D FPL couple limit will be \$1571. This income limit is equal to \$1261 (100 percent of the FPL for a couple) plus the \$310 standard disregard for couples.

Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14005.40 (1) requires that the A&D FPL effective income standard be the greater of the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) rates, or 100 Percent FPL plus the standard deduction for an individual (\$230) or a couple (\$310). The May 1, 2009, SSI/SSP payment rate used by Medi-Cal programs remains in effect until the current payment rate is increased to a level that exceeds the May 1, 2009, payment rate. Because the 100 percent of the FPL for individuals and couples, plus the applicable income disregard, is greater than the May 1, 2009, SSI/SSP payment standards, we use the 100 percent FPL plus standard disregard as the 2012 standards for the A&D FPL program.

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