

## State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 22-28

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: 2023 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM PROPERTY LIMIT (Reference

ACWDLs: <u>21-31, 22-06, 22-25</u>)

## **Medicare Savings Program 2023 Property Limits**

The property limits used to determine Medicare Savings Program (MSP) eligibility were increased on July 1, 2022, to align with the property limits for all Non-MAGI programs in California. Federal law sets the MSP property limits at three times the Supplemental Security income property limit plus an annual percentage increase equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

In 2022, California received federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase the property limits for the MSPs to \$130,000 for one person and \$195,000 for two people. The MSP property limits in California will not increase annually.

Important: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL\_22-25), provides guidance regarding the elimination of the asset limits for all Non-MAGI programs (including MSPs), effective January 1, 2024.

Note: Per Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letters (MEDILs) <u>I 20-07</u>, <u>I 20-08</u>, <u>I 20-18</u>, <u>I 20-25</u>, and <u>I 20-26</u>, counties must defer discontinuances and other negative actions based on the declared federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) for most beneficiaries. Counties shall continue to handle Medi-Cal eligibility as outlined in ACWDL <u>21-26</u> for case processing actions allowed during the COVID 19 PHE and ACWDL <u>22-18</u> for case processing during the COVID 19 PHE unwinding period. Counties shall process determinations or redeterminations for those individuals who would gain access to health care coverage and resolve barriers related to access to care.

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