

DATE: June 14, 2023

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 23-12
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDICAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2023/2024 FAMILY MEMBERS BASE ALLOCATION AMOUNT
(REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER [22-16](#))

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide counties with the updated family member base allocation (FMBA) amount per Section 1924(d) of the Social Security Act. The FMBA amount is used to determine how much of their income the institutionalized spouse or the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) spouse may allocate to family members.

Effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the FMBA amount for a family member living with the community spouse of an institutionalized spouse or the HCBS spouse is \$2,465.

Note: The FMBA amount for fiscal year 2022-2023 was \$2,289.

Note: Effective April 1, 2023, the Continuous Coverage Unwinding began and counties are instructed to follow the policy guidance outlined in [ACWDL 22-18](#) and the [Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter 23-02](#) regarding the unwinding process and resumption of redeterminations.

Implementation Timeline

The Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) shall make programming changes for the 2022/2023 FMBA amount during the next available SAWS release. The programming changes will be updated in both the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) and the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Information Network (CalWIN) Systems. Until the updated programming changes take place, County Eligibility Worker (CEW) will need to manually evaluate each case and determine if the share of cost needs to be adjusted based on the updated 2023/2024 FMBA. If a CEW is currently working on the case and wants to apply the updated value effective July 1, 2023, a manual budget may be completed and the Eligibility Determination and Benefits Calculation (EDBC) overridden, as appropriate.

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