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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 24-07
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: 2024/2025 FAMILY MEMBERS BASE ALLOCATION AMOUNT
(Reference: ACWDL [23-12](#))

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the FMBA amount for a family member living with the community spouse of an institutionalized spouse or the HCBS spouse is \$2,555.

Note: The FMBA amount for fiscal year 2023-2024 was \$2,465.

Implementation Timeline

The Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) shall make programming changes for the 2023/2024 FMBA amount during the next available SAWS release. Until the updated programming changes take place, County Eligibility Workers (CEWs) will need to manually evaluate each case and determine if the share of cost needs to be adjusted based on the updated 2024/2025 FMBA. If a CEW is currently working on the case and wants to apply the updated value effective July 1, 2024, a manual budget may be completed and the Eligibility Determination and Benefits Calculation (EDBC) overridden, as appropriate.

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Sincerely,

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