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To: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

Subject: 2016-2017 Family Member Base Allocation Amount
(Reference: Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Informational Letter Number 15-40)

The purpose of this letter 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 the long-term care (LTC) beneficiary may allocate to family members.

Effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, the FMBA amount (for use in Section IX, A.2 and B.2 of the Allocation/Special Deduction Worksheet B, Form MC 176W (05/08)) for a family member living with the community spouse of a beneficiary with LTC status, is \$2003. The FMBA amount for 2015-2016 was \$1991.

The effective date of this FMBA amount is July 1, 2016. If county staff becomes aware of anyone who has been adversely affected by the delay in providing this instruction, counties must recalculate the case utilizing the current FMBA.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Quanita Channel at (916) 327-0412 or by email at Quanita.channel@dhcs.ca.gov.

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