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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 22-44

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIA MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: ASSET LIMIT CHANGES -- OUTREACH LETTERS

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with the attached asset limit changes outreach letters. Effective July 1, 2022, the asset limits for Non-MAGI Medi-Cal programs and Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) changed, as described in ACWDL [21-31](#). The Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) has updated their systems to reflect the changes.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) sent outreach letters to individuals who were denied between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022 for being over resources. The letter informed the recipients of the asset limit changes and encouraged the individuals to re-apply for Medi-Cal or an MSP, if appropriate. The letters were mailed on November 2, 2022.

If you have any questions or if DHCS can provide further information, please contact Sara McDonald at (916) 345-8061 or by email at Sara.McDonald@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Enclosures



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Important news about increases to Medi-Cal asset limits

Dear Medi-Cal Applicant:

A new California law raises the total amount of assets (property and money) a person or family can have and still qualify for Medi-Cal. Assets that we count include bank accounts, cash, secondary vehicles and homes, and other financial resources.

Asset limits for Medi-Cal will go up on July 1, 2022

The limits for assets we count when we decide if you qualify for Medi-Cal will go up on **July 1, 2022**. The amounts depend on the number of people in your household:

Number of people in household	Old asset limits	New asset limits
1 person	\$2,000	\$130,000
2 people (formerly “couple”)	\$3,000	\$195,000
Each extra person (up to 10 people)	\$150	\$65,000

If you applied for Medi-Cal in the month of June, before June 30, 2022, and your assets were above the old asset limit, your county will decide your eligibility for July 2022 on. If we approved your Medi-Cal on or after July 1, 2022, we will mail you a letter to tell you our decision.

If your assets were above the limit to qualify for Medi-Cal from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 but are below the new asset limit, you may now qualify for Medi-Cal. If you think this is true for you, you can re-apply for Medi-Cal:

- **In person or by phone.** Go to or call your local county office.
- **By mail or online.** Find the application on the Covered California website at <https://www.coveredca.com>. Submit the application online or print and mail it to your local county office.

A list of local county offices came with this letter. Or go to the DHCS website at dhcs.ca.gov/col.

Questions?

If you have questions about this change or need help, contact your local county office.
For general questions about Medi-Cal, call the Medi-Cal Helpline at **1-800-541-5555**.
The call is free.

Thank you,

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Important news about increases Medicare Savings Programs asset limits

Dear Medicare Savings Program Applicant:

A new California law raises the total amount of assets (property and money) a person or family can have and still qualify for Medicare Savings Programs, which pay for Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket costs. Assets that we count include bank accounts, cash, secondary vehicles and homes, and other financial resources.

Asset limits for Medicare Savings Programs will go up on July 1, 2022

The limits for assets we count when we decide if you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program will go up on **July 1, 2022**. The amounts depend on the number of people in your household:

Number of people in household	Old asset limits	New asset limits
1 person	\$2,000	\$130,000
2 people (formerly “couple”)	\$3,000	\$195,000

If you applied for a Medicare Savings Program in the month of June, before June 30, 2022, and your assets were above the old asset limit, your county will decide your eligibility for July 2022 on. If we approved your application for a Medicare Savings Program on or after July 1, 2022, we will mail you a letter to tell you our decision.

If your assets were above the limit to qualify for a Medicare Savings Program from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 but are below the new asset limit, you may now qualify for a Medicare Savings Program. If you think this is true for you, you can re-apply for a Medicare Savings Program:

- **In person or by phone.** Go to or call your local county office.
- **By mail or online.** Find the application on the Department of Health Care Services website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Pages/Index-MC13-MC0805.aspx>. Print the form and either drop off or mail it to your local county office.

A list of local county offices came with this letter. Or go to the Department of Health Care Services website at dhcs.ca.gov/col.

Questions?

If you have questions about this change or need help, contact your local county office. For general questions about Medicare Savings Programs, call the Medi-Cal Helpline at **1-800-541-5555**. The call is free.

Thank you,

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