

All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrators Officers
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The county shall rescind any discontinuance or denial occurring on or after January 1, 2000 for excess property whenever the eligibility worker becomes aware that a Japanese Reparation payment was made or inherited by the spouse. The county shall then reevaluate the case applying this new property exemption. The county shall also reevaluate any share of cost (SOC) in cases where Japanese Reparation payments were made to an individual or inherited by the individual's spouse, or both, on or after January 1, 2000, whenever the eligibility worker becomes aware that such a payment was made in the case. The county shall apply the new income exemption and retroactively adjust the SOC.

Finally, Japanese Reparation payments or, where Japanese Reparation payments have been converted to another form, amounts of resources equal to the amount of these reparation payments, received by the deceased Medi-Cal beneficiary or inherited by the deceased spouse of that beneficiary, or both, shall be exempt from estate recovery by the Department of Health Services

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Sharyl Shanen-Raya at (916) 657-2942 for answers to property questions, Dave Rappolee at (916) 657-0163 for answers to income questions, or Pam McBroom at (916) 324-3725 for answers to estate recovery issues.

Sincerely,

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