

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons  
All County Health Executives  
All County Mental Health Directors

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**2002 MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE ACT (MCCA) SPOUSAL  
IMPOVERISHMENT CAPS**

This letter is to provide county welfare departments with the new maximum income and property caps under MCCA. Effective January 1, 2002, the community spouse resource allowance is \$89,280; the new maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance need allowance is \$2,232 per month.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Ms. Nichole Hansen regarding property at (916) 657-0837 or Mr. Dave Rappolee regarding income at (916) 657-0163.

Sincerely,

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Shar Schroepfer, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch