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

Letter No. 02-24

**AGED AND DISABLED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (A & D FPL) PROGRAM
(INCREASE IN THE INCOME DISREGARD FOR COUPLES)**

Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14005.40 (1) requires that the A & D FPL couple's income standard be no less than the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP) couple payment standard. The FPL for two is \$968 and the income disregard for the A & D FPL program is \$310. The amount of the A & D disregard can be adjusted to make the A & D FPL couple's income standard equal to the SSI/SSP couple payment standard.

The 2002 SSI/SSP couple payment standard is \$1,332. The A & D FPL couple's income standard is \$1,278 (\$968 + \$310). The SSI/SSP couple payment standard exceeds the A & D FPL couple's income standard by \$54. Counties are to adjust the A & D disregard to \$364 to make the A & D FPL couple's income standard \$1,332. This amount equals the SSI/SSP couple payment standard.

This change is effective January 1, 2002. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. Craig Yagi at (916) 657-1182.

Sincerely,

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