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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

Letter No.: 03-54

SUBJECT: 2004 MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE ACT SPOUSAL
IMPOVERISHMENT CAPS

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Welfare Departments with the new maximum income and property caps under Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act. Effective January 1, 2004, the Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA) is \$92,760; the new maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance is \$2,319 per month. This means that a couple to which the CSRA applies is allowed \$94,760 in combined assets (\$92,760 + \$2,000 = \$94,760).

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Ms. Nichole Hansen regarding property, at (916) 552-9484, or Mr. Dave Rappolee regarding income, at (916) 552-9517.

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