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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER NO.: 07-25
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM/SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL QMB/SLMB/QI COUNTY COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: THE 2008 MEDICARE PREMIUMS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY
INCOME STANDARD AND PARENT ALLOCATIONS FOR THE
QUALIFIED MEDICARE/SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE
BENEFICIARY/QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS-1 AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) Nos. 99-73,
00-65, 01-66, 02-56, 03-57, 04-39, 05-38, 06-35, 06-35E

This letter is to inform you of the 2008 Supplemental Security Income Standard Allocation and the Parental Allocation amounts. These allocations are based on the annual federal benefit rate (FBR) which is based on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The Standard Allocation increased from \$311 to \$319 (the couple FBR minus the individual FBR). The parent allocation is determined as follows:

When there is earned, unearned income, or a combination of income:

- The parent allocation (if one ineligible parent lives with a child) is \$637 (for an individual); and
- The parent allocation (if both ineligible parents live with a child) is \$956 (for a couple).

The 2008 Medicare Part A premium will rise to \$423 for persons who do not receive free Medicare Part A. The reduced Medicare Part A premium will increase to \$233 for persons with 30-39 quarters of Medicare covered employment. Both have a ten percent penalty for late enrollment.

The Part A deductible will be \$1,024 for the first 60 days of inpatient care and \$256 a day for the 61st through the 90th day. For days 91 through 150, the deductible will \$512. The skilled nursing facility deductible is \$128 a day for the 21st through 100th day (there is no deductible for day 1 through 20).

The 2008 Medicare Part B premium will be \$96.40. The annual deductible will increase to \$135.

Counties shall disregard the Title II COLAs for all programs where eligibility is based on the federal poverty level (FPL) until the new FPL's are effective for the particular program. An ACWDL will be issued to specifically address the FPLs.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ms. Debra Hader at (916) 552-9494 or e-mail dhader@dhcs.ca.gov.

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