

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

Letter No. : 08-24

ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS

ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES

ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER 08-06

(New Limits and Disregards for the Aged and Disabled Federal Poverty

Level Program for 2008)

Assembly Bill X 3 6 (Chapter 4, Statues of 2008) resulted in delays to the implementation of the State Supplemental Program (SSP) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases. The COLAs were originally scheduled for implementation on June 1, 2008, and have been delayed to October 1, 2008.

The income limits for a couple will not change as originally scheduled on June 1, 2008, but will continue to be set at \$1524 through September 30, 2008. During this period, the income disregard is \$357, which is the difference between the Supplemental Security Income(SSI)/SSP couple payment standard and 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for two (\$1167 for 2008).

For October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, the income limits for a couple is scheduled to be increased to \$1558. During this period, the income disregard will be \$391, which is the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment standard and 100 percent of the FPL for two (\$1167 for 2008).

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If you have other questions regarding our response, please call Mr. Craig Yagi, of my staff, at (916) 552-9522.

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