



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



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 08-41
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 (A & D FPL) Program for 2008)

Assembly Bill X 3 6 (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2008) resulted in delays to the implementation of the State Supplemental Program (SSP) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases originally scheduled for June 1, 2008 to October 1, 2008. A COLA will not be implemented on October 1, 2008, because the California Department of Social Services anticipates the statute authorizing it will be repealed. If the October 2008 SSP COLA is not repealed, retroactive SSP payments will have to be issued.

Therefore, income limits for a couple will not change on October 1, 2008, but will continue to be set at \$1524 through March 31, 2009. During this period, the income disregard is \$357, which is the difference between the Supplemental Security Income/SSP couple payment standard and 100 percent of the FPL for two (\$1167 for 2008).

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Vivian Auble, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Division