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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 12-05  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2012 MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE ACT  
SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT CAPS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of an increase to the maximum income and property caps under the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act. Effective January 1, 2012, the community spouse resource allowance increased to \$113,640 and the maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance increased to \$2,841 per month.

If you have any questions regarding property, please contact Joel Thomas at (916) 327-0409 or by e-mail at [Joel.Thomas@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Joel.Thomas@dhcs.ca.gov). For questions regarding income, please contact Harold Higgins at (916) 327-0412 or by e-mail at [Harold.Higgins@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Harold.Higgins@dhcs.ca.gov).

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