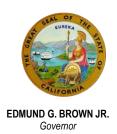


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SUBJECT: 2012 MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE ACT

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 <a href="mailto:Joel.Thomas@dhcs.ca.gov">Joel.Thomas@dhcs.ca.gov</a>. For questions regarding income, please contact Harold Higgins at (916) 327-0412 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Harold.Higgins@dhcs.ca.gov">Harold.Higgins@dhcs.ca.gov</a>.

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