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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No. : 12-08
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NEW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors' Letter Numbers: 90-42, 91-34, 92-19, 93-16, 94-29, 95-19, 96-17, 97-11, 98-14, 99-15, 00-10, 01-16, 02-13, 03-10, 04-04, 05-13, 06-06, 07-04, 08-05, 09-06, 11-16)

The enclosed chart provides the revised poverty level ceilings for most of the Medi-Cal percentage programs. These ceilings are derived from the annual Federal Poverty Level (FPL) figures published in the Federal Register on January 26, 2012.

For most individuals whose eligibility is based on a percentage of the FPL (including 1931(b) applicants and recipients, and individuals who receive Retirement, Survivor's, and Disability Insurance (RSDI), Title II income), the effective date of the revised FPL figures is April 1, 2012. However, counties must review all denials and discontinuances for the following groups back to the date specified for each group and reevaluate eligibility based on the revised FPL figures:

- For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), including Qualified Medicare beneficiaries, Specified Low Income Beneficiaries and Qualified Individuals 1 not receiving RSDI, Title II income, counties must apply the new FPL figures retroactively to the date of publication, which is January 26, 2012. Because California has whole month eligibility, individuals whose applications are approved based on the January 26, 2012, date, receive MSP coverage for the entire month of January if otherwise eligible.
- For MSP applicants or recipients, who are receiving RSDI, Title II income, counties must review all denials and discontinuances beginning March 1, 2012, and apply the revised FPL.

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Enclosed is a new Sneed v. Kizer prorated FPL chart based on the new poverty levels (100 percent) which are used for Section 1931(b) applicants and some recipients. These are also effective April 1, 2012.

If you have other questions on the FPL chart and Sneed v. Kizer prorate chart, please contact Harold Higgins at (916) 327-0412 or by email at Harold.higgins@dhcs.ca.gov. MSP questions should be directed to Tammy Kaylor at (916) 327-0406 or by email at tammy.kaylor@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Enclosures

Section 1931(b) Determinations: Sneed v. Kizer
Prorated FPL Income Standard and Property Levels
- April 1, 2012 -

I. MBU Contains an Adult - May also Include an Unborn		
Person Type	1931(b) Income	Property
Single Parent	\$931	\$3,000
Single Parent with Unborn	\$1,261	\$3,000
Married Couple -Two Adults	\$1,261	\$3,000
Married Couple - with Unborn	\$1,591	\$3,150
Unmarried Couple - Each Unmarried Partner	\$931	\$3,000

II. MBU Contains Adult(s) and Child(ren)
Allow the full non-Sneed Section 1931(b) income/property limits for the MBU based on the number of individuals in the MBU.

III. MBU Contains a Nonparent Caretaker Relative, or Child(ren) with No Parents Living in the Home, or Child(ren) Whose Parent is PA/Other PA or Not in the MFBU
Each MBU receives full non-Sneed(b) income/property limit based on the number of persons in the MBU. If there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, include the unborn in the pregnant minor's MBU.

IV. MBU Contains Only Children Who Live with One or Both Parents (Not Stepparents) and They Are in the Same MFBU. (Do not include a parent who is PA/other PA and not in the MFBU. Also, if there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, her unborn is considered as another child in the pregnant minor's MBU.)				
No. of Children in MBU	One Parent		Two Parents	
	Prorated Income	Prorated Property	Prorated Income	Prorated Property
1	\$631	\$1,500	\$531	\$1,050
2	\$1,061	\$2,100	\$961	\$1,650
3	\$1,441	\$2,475	\$1,351	\$2,070
4	\$1,801	\$2,760	\$1,721	\$2,400
5	\$2,151	\$3,000	\$2,080	\$2,679
6	\$2,496	\$3,215	\$2,431	\$2,925
7	\$2,836	\$3,413	\$2,778	\$3,150
8	\$3,175	\$3,600	\$3,121	\$3,360
9	\$3,511	\$3,780	\$3,462	\$3,437
10	\$3,847	\$3,819	\$3,801	\$3,500

Note 1: Add \$319 for each additional child after 10 to Sec. 1931(b) income standards to determine prorated income standards.

Note 2: (No. Children in MBU) / (No. Parents in MFBU + No. Children in MBU) multiplied by 1931(b) income standard for a budget unit of Parent(s) in MFBU + Child(ren) in MBU = Prorated Income in Part IV

2012 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHART						Effective 04/01/12*				
Persons	Monthly MMNL(\$)	MMNL as % of FPL	100% Monthly(\$)	100% Annual(\$)	120% Monthly(\$)	133% Monthly(\$)	135% Monthly(\$)	185% Monthly(\$)	200% Monthly(\$)	250% Monthly(\$)
1	600	65	931	11170	1117	1239	1257	1723	1862	2328
2	750	60	1261	15130	1513	1677	1703	2333	2522	3153
2 Adults	934	75	1261	15130	1513	1677	1703	2333	2522	3153
3	934	59	1591	19090	1909	2116	2148	2944	3182	3978
4	1100	58	1921	23050	2305	2555	2594	3554	3842	4803
5	1259	56	2251	27010	2701	2994	3039	4165	4502	5628
6	1417	55	2581	30970	3097	3433	3485	4775	5162	6453
7	1550	54	2911	34930	3493	3872	3930	5386	5822	7278
8	1692	53	3241	38890	3889	4311	4376	5996	6482	8103
9	1825	52	3571	42850	4285	4750	4821	6607	7142	8928
10	1959	51	3901	46810	4681	5189	5267	7217	7802	9753
Addn'l member add:	+14	+0	+330	+3960	+396	+439	+446	+611	+660	+825

\$35: = for Resident in LTC Facilities

MMNL: = for Medically Needy Program

100% FPL: = for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and
 =for Children Ages 6 Up to 19 Percent Program; and
 =for FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and
 = for Section 1931 Applicants and for Certain Recipient's

120% FPL: < for Specified Low Income Beneficiaries

133% FPL: = for Children Ages 1 Up to Age 6

Notes:

"=" means: eligibility if budget unit income is equal to less than income limit.

"<" means: eligibility if budget unit income is less than income limit

Figures in above chart are rounded up to the next dollar where necessary.

135% FPL: < Qualified Individual 1 Program

185% FPL: = for Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC)

200% FPL: = for Pregnant Women and Infants (Disregard is in the 200% FPL); and
 for Qualified Working Disabled Individuals

250% FPL: = for Healthy Families Program, and for Working Disabled Program

*For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP-includes Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low Income Beneficiary, and Qualified Individual 1 programs) not receiving RSDI Title 11 income, the FPL figures are effective the date of publication, which is January 26, 2012 for MSP applicants or recipients that are receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1, 2012.