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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 17-39 E
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Errata for All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 17-39

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) errata is to provide a corrected version of two attachments included in ACWDL 17-39 titled January 2018 Social Security Title II and Title XVI Cost of Living Adjustments and Related Issues. Changes have been made to Enclosure 2: 2018 In-Kind Support and Maintenance Values for computing Pickle eligibility and Enclosure 3: The effective Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment cash grant levels for determining Pickle eligibility from January 1 through December 31, 2018.

Corrections to the enclosures are recorded using the following:

- strike-through for deleted language
- underline and bolding for adding new language

Summary of Changes

This document indicates striked-out language with one asterisk (*) for ADA-compliance.

In Enclosure 2, page 8 of ACWDL 17-39 the VTR (not rebuttable) and PMV (rebuttable) amount for a couple has been corrected.

In Enclosure 3, page 10 of ACWDL 17-39 a correction was made for the monetary amount of the total for aged or disabled individuals in a Non-medical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B and the Social Security Income for aged or disabled couples in an independent living arrangement. The value written in the ACWDL was correct but the incorrect amount was reflected in the chart. A thorough re-review was conducted and this error did not affect any of the other values on the chart.

A correction was made to the following table titles in Enclosure 3:

- The “Aged or Disabled without cooking facilities” title, was removed and replaced with “Aged or Disabled.”
- The “Aged or Disabled Restaurant Meals Allowance” title was changed to “Aged or Disabled without cooking facilities (RMA)”. Furthermore, a footnote was added to define RMA as “Restaurant Meals Allowance”.
- The “Aged or Disabled Blind” title was removed and replaced with “Blind”.
- Aged or Disabled Blind (Per Couple) title was removed and replaced with “Blind (Per Couple)”.
- Aged or Disabled Blind/Aged or Disabled (Per Couple) title was removed and replaced with “Blind/Aged or Disabled (Per Couple)”

Attached are corrected versions of ACWDL 17-39 Enclosures 2 and 3.

If you have other questions, please contact Eric Sweeney at (916) 327-0412 or by email at Eric.Sweeney@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Enclosures

PICKLE

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2018 ISM VALUES FOR COMPUTING PICKLE ELIGIBILITY

<http://policy.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0500835901>

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
VTR (not rebuttable)*	\$250.00	*\$375.33* **\$375.00**
PMV (rebuttable)**	\$270.00	*\$395.33* **\$395.00**

The VTR is the payment level to use in situations 1, 2, and 3 below. The PMV is the unearned income amount to add in other situations. The following chart provides the method to use for determining Pickle eligibility for individuals and couples in various living arrangements.

HOUSEHOLD SITUATION
(LIVING ARRANGEMENT)

PRINCIPLE

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| 1. Living in household of another throughout a month and receiving both food and shelter from someone in the household. | Reduce the applicable payment level by one-third the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR). Use the VTR. |
| 2. Living in household of another who is providing both food and shelter and also receiving ISM from a third party. | Reduce the FBR payment level by one-third (VTR). Exclude third party ISM. |
| 3. Living with a responsible relative (deemor) who lives in the household of another and the householder is not a responsible relative but is supplying both food and shelter. | Add VTR from the householder to deemed income from the responsible relative and add to other unearned income. |
| 4. Living in own household (ownership or rental liability) and receiving ISM from someone outside the household. | Add PMV to other unearned income. |
| 5. Living in non-institutional care* situation or group home and receiving ISM from someone outside the household. | Add PMV to other unearned income. |
| 6. Living with a responsible relative (deemor) who lives in the household of another and the householder is not a responsible relative but is supplying food or shelter. | Add PMV from the householder to deemed income from the responsible relative and add to other unearned income. |

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| 7. Living in household of another and sharing partial or total household expenses. | If pro rata share is contributed, we use the SSI/SSP payment level for a person in an "independent living arrangement." If pro rata share is not contributed, add PMV. |
| 8. One member of an eligible couple lives in the household of another and receives both food and shelter from the householder while the second member lives in his/her home or a non-medical institution. | One-sixth of the FBR for a couple for the person living in the household of another. (VTR-not rebuttable.)

One-sixth of the FBR for a couple for the person living in his/her own household. (VTR-not rebuttable.) |
| 9. If the non-institutionalized spouse lives in any other situation. | One-sixth of the FBR for a couple plus \$10. |
| 10. Paying less than Current Market Rental Value (CMRV) for shelter. (See page 1-2.) | Add PMV unless criteria for earned/unearned income is met (see ISM). |

- * VTR – Value of One-Third Reduction
 ** PMV – Presumed Maximum Value

SSI/SSP

PAYMENT STANDARDS EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2018

(Rates used may be May 1, 2009 rates)

Individual

<u>**AGED OR DISABLED**</u> <u>*without cooking facilities*</u>	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
SSP	\$160.72	\$164.24	\$418.23	\$423.37
Total	\$910.72	\$664.24	\$918.23	\$1,173.37

<u>AGED OR DISABLED</u> <u>**without cooking facilities</u> <u>(RMA)^{1**}</u>	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	\$750.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
SSP	\$247.04	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	\$997.04	N/A	N/A	N/A

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¹ ****Restaurant Meals Allowance - \$84 Individual; \$168 Couple****

AGED OR DISABLED **Blind**	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	\$750.00	N/A	\$500.00	\$750.00
SSP	\$217.23	N/A	\$418.23	\$423.37
Total	\$967.23	\$739.67	\$918.23	\$1,173.37

DISABLED MINOR Living With Parents	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	\$750.00	\$500.00	N/A	N/A
SSP	\$65.15	\$68.67	N/A	N/A
Total	\$815.15	\$568.67	N/A	N/A

DISABLED MINOR living with non- parent relative/ guardian	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	N/A	N/A	\$500.00	\$750.00
SSP	N/A	N/A	\$418.23	\$423.37
Total	N/A	N/A	\$918.23	\$1,173.37

Couple

AGED OR DISABLED Per Couple	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	*\$1,250.00* **\$1,125.00**	N/A	\$750.00	\$1,125.00
SSP	\$407.14	N/A	\$1,074.52	\$1,221.74
Total	\$1,532.14	\$1,233.33	\$1,824.52	\$2,346.74

AGED OR DISABLED Without Cooking Facilities (Per Couple)	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	\$1,125.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
SSP	\$579.77	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	\$1,704.77	N/A	N/A	N/A

<u>*AGED OR DISABLED* **Blind (Per Couple)**</u>	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	N/A	N/A	\$750.00	\$1,125.00
SSP	N/A	N/A	\$1,074.52	\$1,221.74
Total	\$1,751.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,824.52	\$2,346.74

AGED OR DISABLED <u>**Blind/Aged or Disabled (Per Couple)**</u>	Independent Living Arrangement	Reduced Needs - Household of Another with In-Kind Room and Board (R&B)	Household of Relative with In- Kind R&B (NMOHC)	Nonmedical B&C Licensed Facility/Household of Relative Without In-Kind R&B (NMOHC)
SSI	N/A	N/A	\$750.00	\$1,125.00
SSP	N/A	N/A	\$1,074.52	\$1,221.74
Total	\$1,666.00	\$1,374.00	\$1,824.52	\$2,346.74

Non-Medical Board and Care

Room and Board	Care and Supervision	Personal and Incidental Needs	Title XIX Medical Facility
\$505.37	Minimum \$431.00	Minimum \$134.00	Individual \$51.00
N/A	Maximum \$534.00	Maximum \$237.00	Couple \$102.00

Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)

Aged, Blind, Disabled	FBR
INDIVIDUAL	\$750.00
COUPLE	\$1,125.00