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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No. 18-10  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: New Limits and Disregards for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Federal Poverty Level Program for 2018 – Beginning April 1, 2018

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide updated income limits for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (AB&D FPL) program that are effective April 1, 2018. Beginning this year, the Department of Health Care Services is issuing one combined ACWDL for Aged and Disabled FPL and Blind FPL participants in the program.

Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14005.40(a)(1) requires that the AB&D FPL effective income standard be the greater of:

- The Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) rates, or
- 100 percent of the applicable FPL plus the standard deduction for an individual (\$230) or a couple (\$310).

The applicable SSI/SSP payment rate used by Medi-Cal on May 1, 2009, remains in effect until the current payment rate is increased to a level that exceeds the May 1, 2009 payment rate.

The income limit for an AB&D FPL individual will be \$1,242. This income limit is equal to \$1012 (100 percent of the FPL for an individual) plus the \$230 standard disregard for an individual.

The income limit for an AB&D FPL couple will be \$1,682. This income limit is equal to \$1,372 (100 percent of the FPL for 2 Adults) plus the \$310 standard disregard for couples. This includes cases where one individual in a couple is blind, and the other is aged or

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disabled. In that instance, the income limit for a couple, listed above, which is higher than the May 1, 2009 SSI/SSP payment rate for aged or disabled couples.

The income limit for Blind FPL couples will remain the same as the May 1, 2009 SSI/SSP rate for blind couples because it is higher than 100 percent FPL for two, plus the \$310 income disregard for couples.

Use the following income limit for couples where both individuals meet the Blind FPL guidelines:

- **Both individuals that make up the couple are blind: \$1,751**

Please review all cases containing Aged, Blind, and Disabled individuals back to April 1, 2018, and reevaluate eligibility based on the revised income limits.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Tammy Kaylor at (916) 327-0406 or by email at [Tammy.Kaylor@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Tammy.Kaylor@dhcs.ca.gov).

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