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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No. 19-10
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 2019 – Beginning April 1, 2019

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to provide updated income limits for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (ABD FPL) program that are effective April 1, 2019.

Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14005.40(a)(1) requires that the ABD 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 income limit for an ABD FPL individual will be \$1,271. This income limit is equal to \$1041 (100 percent of the FPL for an individual) plus the \$230 standard disregard for an individual.

The income limit for an ABD FPL couple (except when both are blind) will be \$1,720. This income limit is equal to \$1,410 (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 disabled.

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.

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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 ABD individuals back to April 1, 2019, and reevaluate eligibility based on the revised income limits.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Derek Soiu at (916) 345-8193 or by email at Derek.Soiu@dhcs.ca.gov.

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