

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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July 28, 1988

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 88-55

SUBJECT: FY 1988/89 MAINTENANCE NEED AND INCOME IN KIND LEVELS

This letter provides you with information on maintenance need and income in kind levels for FY 1988/89 for the Medi-Cal Program.

The Governor's 1988/89 budget contains a 4.7% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) cash assistance program. Current state statute requires the Medi-Cal maintenance need levels to be computed based on the AFDC cash payment level.

Attached are the new FY 1988/89 maintenance need and income in kind levels which are effective July 1, 1988. This information was previously communicated to you in ACL No. 88-44 issued July 8, 1988 and SYSM No. 88-51 sent June 17, 1988. Please note the MNL for two persons should be \$717, not \$714. Also, please ensure that beneficiaries are provided with the options specified in California Administrative Code Section 50653.3 for share of cost adjustments. In September 1988, staff from the Corrective Action Unit will begin monitoring counties for compliance.

It has come to our attention that some counties are calculating the maintenance need and income in kind levels independent of information provided by the State Department of Health Services (DHS). Counties are reminded that their staff are to use the levels transmitted by the DHS.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Lara at (916) 324-4966.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachment

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: June 30, 1989

MAINTENANCE NEED LEVELS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1988

<u>Number of Persons in MFBU</u>	<u>Maintenance Need</u>
1 Person in all situations	\$ 575
2 Persons	\$ <u>717</u>
2 Adults	\$ 892
3 Persons	\$ 892
4 Persons	\$1,059
5 Persons	\$1,200
6 Persons	\$1,350
7 Persons	\$1,484
8 Persons	\$1,617
9 Persons	\$1,742
10 Persons	\$1,875

For each additional person add \$13.

The maintenance need level for Medi-Cal only beneficiaries in long-term care remains at \$35.

The maintenance need level for SSI eligibles in long-term care is increased to \$40 effective July 1, 1988.

The home upkeep allowance specified in Title 22 CCR, Section 50605(c)(1) will be \$200.

The home upkeep allowance specified in Title 22 CCR, Section 50605(c)(2) and (3) will be \$134.

INCOME IN KIND LEVELS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1988

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Utilities</u>
1 Person	\$146	\$32
2 Persons	\$197	\$36
3 Persons	\$215	\$38
4 or more persons	\$226	\$39

	<u>Food</u>	<u>Clothing</u>
1 Person	\$ 82	\$ 26
2 Persons	\$174	\$ 47
3 Persons	\$222	\$ 72
4 Persons	\$273	\$ 96
5 Persons	\$331	\$120
6 Persons	\$383	\$142
7 Persons	\$427	\$170
8 Persons	\$468	\$190
9 Persons	\$513	\$217
10 or more persons	\$556	\$238