

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

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**1997 MEDICARE CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE ACT (MCCA) SPOUSAL  
IMPOVERISHMENT CAPS**

The purpose of this letter is to provide county welfare departments with the new maximum income and property caps under MCCA. Effective January 1, 1997, the community spouse resource allowance is \$79,020, the new maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance need allowance is \$1,976 per month.

If you have any questions on this issue, please call Sharyl Shanen-Raya regarding property at (916) 255-0918 or Dave Rappolee regarding income at (916) 255-0914.

Sincerely,

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FRANK S. MARTUCCI, CHIEF  
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