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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 16-03
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2016 Federal Poverty Levels

The enclosed charts provide the 2016 poverty level ceilings for Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP), MCAP-Linked Infants, and County Children's Health Initiative Program (C-CHIP). C-CHIP is available in San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties only. These ceilings are derived from the annual Federal Poverty Level (FPL) figures published in the Federal Register on January 25, 2016. In this All County Welfare Directors letter (ACWDL), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is providing 2016 monthly FPL values (enclosure 1) as well as 2016 annual FPL values (enclosure 2).

Counties must review all denials and discontinuances for the following groups back to the date specified for each group in the attached chart and reevaluate eligibility based on the revised FPL figures pursuant to the effective dates, as specified below.

- For applicants and beneficiaries who are parent/caretaker relatives, children, pregnant women and non-Medicare recipients who are age 19 up to 65 whose eligibility is determined based upon Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodologies, the new FPLs are effective January 1, 2016, due to whole month eligibility.

Please note: Due to delays in implementing these FPLs in the California Healthcare Eligibility Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS), DHCS has initiated a Change Request for the CalHEERS system to update the annual FPL amounts automatically. However, DHCS will still need to send a notice to the beneficiaries potentially impacted by the change, to inform them of the FPL increase and that they may request a redetermination. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has decided that there will be no reimbursement for premiums paid. The notice will state that no premium reimbursements will be available. Therefore,

counties shall retroactively change eligibility only for those Optional Targeted Low-Income Children's Program eligible children, Advance Premium Tax Credit eligible individuals who did not enroll in a plan or did not pay a premium, and individuals who are eligible only for the Medi-Cal programs with a share-of-cost in the same month. Finally, counties shall move pregnant women eligible in aid code M9 on or after January 1, 2016, to the date these FPLs are implemented, to aid code M7 only, as described in accordance with ACWDL 15-35, to ensure continuity of care.

- For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified Individual 1, who do not receive Title II Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) income, counties must apply the new FPL figures retroactively to January 1, 2016.
- For MSP applicants or recipients who are receiving Title II RSDI income, the effective date for the new FPLs is March 1, 2016.
- For individuals who are eligible for the Aged, Blind and Disabled FPL programs, the effective date of the revised FPL figures is April 1, 2016.

When determining eligibility for retroactive coverage for months in 2015, use the FPL and related charts referenced in ACWDL 15-14.

If you have other questions on the FPL charts, please contact Quanita Channel at (916) 327-0412 or by email at Quanita.Channel@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Enclosures

2016 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

Family Size	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)									
	Annual FPL	Monthly FPL	60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%
1	11880	990.00	594	990	1070	1080	1129	1188	1268	1317	1337	1367
2	16020	1335.00	801	1335	1442	1456	1522	1602	1709	1776	1803	1843
2 Adults	16020	1335.00	801	1335	1442	1456	1522	1602	1709	1776	1803	1843
3	20160	1680.00	1008	1680	1815	1832	1916	2016	2151	2235	2268	2319
4	24300	2025.00	1215	2025	2187	2208	2309	2430	2592	2694	2734	2795
5	28440	2370.00	1422	2370	2560	2584	2702	2844	3034	3153	3200	3271
6	32580	2715.00	1629	2715	2933	2960	3096	3258	3476	3611	3666	3747
7	36730	3060.83	1837	3061	3306	3337	3490	3673	3918	4071	4133	4224
8	40890	3407.50	2045	3408	3681	3715	3885	4089	4362	4532	4601	4703
9	45050	3754.17	2253	3755	4055	4093	4280	4505	4806	4994	5069	5181
10	49210	4100.83	2461	4101	4429	4470	4675	4921	5250	5455	5537	5660
11	53370	4447.50	2669	4448	4804	4848	5071	5337	5693	5916	6005	6138
12	57530	4794.17	2877	4795	5178	5226	5466	5753	6137	6377	6473	6616
Ea Add'l	4160	346.67	208	347	375	378	396	416	444	462	468	479

Family Size	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)										
	Annual FPL	Monthly FPL	142%	150%	160%	185%	200%	202%	208%	213%	250%	266%	322%
1	11880	990.00	1406	1485	1584	1832	1980	2000	2060	2109	2475	2634	3188
2	16020	1335.00	1896	2003	2136	2470	2670	2697	2777	2844	3338	3552	4299
2 Adults	16020	1335.00	1896	2003	2136	2470	2670	2697	2777	2844	3338	3552	4299
3	20160	1680.00	2386	2520	2688	3108	3360	3394	3495	3579	4200	4469	5410
4	24300	2025.00	2876	3038	3240	3747	4050	4091	4212	4314	5063	5387	6521
5	28440	2370.00	3366	3555	3792	4385	4740	4788	4930	5049	5925	6305	7632
6	32580	2715.00	3856	4073	4344	5023	5430	5485	5648	5783	6788	7222	8743
7	36730	3060.83	4347	4592	4898	5663	6122	6183	6367	6520	7653	8142	9856
8	40890	3407.50	4839	5112	5452	6304	6815	6884	7088	7258	8519	9064	10973
9	45050	3754.17	5331	5632	6007	6946	7509	7584	7809	7997	9386	9987	12089
10	49210	4100.83	5824	6152	6562	7587	8202	8284	8530	8735	10253	10909	13205
11	53370	4447.50	6316	6672	7116	8228	8895	8984	9251	9474	11119	11831	14321
12	57530	4794.17	6808	7192	7671	8870	9589	9685	9972	10212	11986	12753	15438
Ea Add'l	4160	346.67	493	520	555	642	694	701	722	739	867	923	1117

2016 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

\$35: = Maintenance Need for Resident in LTC Facility

100% FPL: = Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and
= Children Ages 6 Up to 19 Percent Program (Pre ACA); and
= FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and
= Section 1931 for certain Recipient's (Pre ACA)

108% FPL: = Floor ACA Title XXI CHIP Expansion Children Ages 6-19

109% FPL: = ACA Parents and Caretaker Relatives

114% FPL: = ACA Parents and Caretaker Relatives not eligible for the
ACA New Adult Group due to non-financial eligibility criteria such as
enrollment in Medicare Parts A or B (109% FPL, plus 5% MAGI disregard)

120% FPL: < Specified Low Income Beneficiaries

128% FPL: = Disabled Individuals in New Adult Group

133% FPL: = Children Ages 1-6 (Pre ACA)
= ACA Children and Title XXI Expansion Children Ages 6-19

135% FPL: < Qualified Individual 1 Program

138% FPL: = ACA New Adults Ages 19-64
138% FPL and below: = Full Scope Coverage for ACA Pregnant Women
Above 138% - 213% FPL: = Pregnancy Related Medi-Cal
Above 213% - 322% FPL: = Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP)

142% FPL: = ACA Children Ages 1-6

150% FPL: = Target Low Income Program (Pre ACA)

160% FPL: = ACA OTLIC Program

185% FPL: = Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Pre ACA)

200% FPL: = Qualified Working Disabled Individuals; and
= Pregnant Women and Infants Up to Age 1
(disregard is in the 200% FPL) (Pre ACA)

202% FPL: = Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Post ACA)

208% FPL: = ACA Infants Ages 0-1

213% FPL: > Floor for ACA MCAP Linked Infants (OTLIC)
=ACA Pregnant Women and Infants Up To Age 1
(with 5% earned income disregard included)

250% FPL: = Optional Targeted Low Income Children (Pre ACA),
and for Working Disabled Program

266% FPL: = ACA Optional Targeted Low Income Children (OTLIC)
Above 266%-322% FLP: = County Childrens Health Initiative Program (CCHIP)
322% FPL: = ACA MCAP Linked Infants

Notes:

"=" means: eligible if budget unit income is equal to less than
income limit.

"<" means: eligible if budget unit income is less than outcome
limit.

For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP-includes Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low Income Beneficiary and Qualified Individual 1 Programs) not receiving RSDI Title II income, the FPL figures are effective the date of publication, which is January 25, 2016 for MSP applicants or recipients receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1, 2016.

2016 FPL Calculation Chart (Annual Values)

	100% FPL	ANNUAL FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)										
Family Size	Annual FPL	60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%	142%
1	11880	7128	11880	12831	12950	13544	14256	15207	15801	16038	16395	16870
2	16020	9612	16020	17302	17462	18263	19224	20506	21307	21627	22108	22749
2 Adults	16020	9612	16020	17302	17462	18263	19224	20506	21307	21627	22108	22749
3	20160	12096	20160	21773	21975	22983	24192	25805	26813	27216	27821	28628
4	24300	14580	24300	26244	26487	27702	29160	31104	32319	32805	33534	34506
5	28440	17064	28440	30716	31000	32422	34128	36404	37826	38394	39248	40385
6	32580	19548	32580	35187	35513	37142	39096	41703	43332	43983	44961	46264
7	36730	22038	36730	39669	40036	41873	44076	47015	48851	49586	50688	52157
8	40890	24534	40890	44162	44571	46615	49068	52340	54384	55202	56429	58064
9	45050	27030	45050	48654	49105	51357	54060	57664	59917	60818	62169	63971
10	49210	29526	49210	53147	53639	56100	59052	62989	65450	66434	67910	69879
11	53370	32022	53370	57640	58174	60842	64044	68314	70983	72050	73651	75786
12	57530	34518	57530	62133	62708	65585	69036	73639	76515	77666	79392	81693
Ea Add'l	4160	2496	4160	4493	4535	4743	4992	5325	5533	5616	5741	5908

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2	16020	24030	25632	29637	32040	32361	33322	34123	40050	42614	51585
2 Adults	16020	24030	25632	29637	32040	32361	33322	34123	40050	42614	51585
3	20160	30240	32256	37296	40320	40724	41933	42941	50400	53626	64916
4	24300	36450	38880	44955	48600	49086	50544	51759	60750	64638	78246
5	28440	42660	45504	52614	56880	57449	59156	60578	71100	75651	91577
6	32580	48870	52128	60273	65160	65812	67767	69396	81450	86663	104908
7	36730	55095	58768	67951	73460	74195	76399	78235	91825	97702	118271
8	40890	61335	65424	75647	81780	82598	85052	87096	102225	108768	131666
9	45050	67575	72080	83343	90100	91001	93704	95957	112625	119833	145061
10	49210	73815	78736	91039	98420	99405	102357	104818	123025	130899	158457
11	53370	80055	85392	98735	106740	107808	111010	113679	133425	141965	171852
12	57530	86295	92048	106431	115060	116211	119663	122539	143825	153030	185247
Ea Add'l	4160	6240	6656	7696	8320	8404	8653	8861	10400	11066	13396