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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 19-06
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL CONSORTIA/SAWS PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: 2019 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

The enclosed charts provide the 2019 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 updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is providing 2019 monthly FPL values (enclosure 1) as well as 2019 annual FPL values (enclosure 2), and Program Descriptions by FPL (enclosure 3).

Counties must review all denials and discontinuances for the following groups back to the date specified for each group and re-evaluate eligibility based on the revised FPL figures (see attached enclosures), pursuant to the effective dates as specified below.

- For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified Individual who do not receive Title II Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) income, counties must apply the new FPL figures retroactively to January 1, 2019.
- For MSP applicants or recipients who are receiving Title II RSDI income, the effective date for the new FPLs is March 1, 2019.
- For individuals who are eligible for the Aged, Blind and Disabled FPL programs, the effective date of the revised FPL figures is April 1, 2019.

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- For applicants and beneficiaries who are parent/caretaker relatives, children, pregnant persons and Non-Medicare recipients who are age 19 to 65, whose eligibility is determined based upon Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodologies, the new FPLs are effective January 1, 2019, due to whole month eligibility.

Please note: DHCS is coordinating implementation of the 2019 FPLs in the California Healthcare Eligibility Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS), DHCS anticipates the CalHEERS system will be updated with the annual 2019 FPL amounts in March of 2019.

DHCS will send a notice to the beneficiaries potentially impacted by the change to inform them of the FPL increase to allow them an opportunity to request a re-evaluation.

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 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.

When determining eligibility for retroactive coverage for months in 2018, use the FPL and related charts referenced in [ACWDL 18-03](#).

If you have other questions on the FPL charts, please contact Juan Dennys at (916) 345-8501 or by email at juan.dennys@dhcs.ca.gov

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Enclosures

2019 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

Enclosure 1

Family Size	Annual 100% FPL	Monthly 100% FPL	60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%	142%
1	12490	1040.84	625	1041	1125	1135	1187	1249	1333	1385	1406	1437	1478
2	16910	1409.17	846	1410	1522	1536	1607	1691	1804	1875	1903	1945	2002
2 Adults	16910	1409.17	846	1410	1522	1536	1607	1691	1804	1875	1903	1945	2002
3	21330	1777.50	1067	1778	1920	1938	2027	2133	2276	2365	2400	2453	2525
4	25750	2145.84	1288	2146	2318	2339	2447	2575	2747	2854	2897	2962	3048
5	30170	2514.17	1509	2515	2716	2741	2867	3017	3219	3344	3395	3470	3571
6	34590	2882.50	1730	2883	3114	3142	3287	3459	3690	3834	3892	3978	4094
7	39010	3250.84	1951	3251	3511	3544	3706	3901	4162	4324	4389	4487	4617
8	43430	3619.17	2172	3620	3909	3945	4126	4343	4633	4814	4886	4995	5140
9	47850	3987.50	2393	3988	4307	4347	4546	4785	5104	5304	5384	5503	5663
10	52270	4355.84	2614	4356	4705	4748	4966	5227	5576	5794	5881	6012	6186
11	56690	4724.17	2835	4725	5103	5150	5386	5669	6047	6284	6378	6520	6709
12	61110	5092.50	3056	5093	5500	5551	5806	6111	6519	6774	6875	7028	7232
Ea Add'l	4420	368.34	221	369	398	402	420	442	472	490	498	509	524

MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)

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Enclosure 1

Family Size	Annual 100% FPL	Monthly 100% FPL	150%	160%	185%	200%	202%	208%	213%	250%	266%	322%	400%
1	12490	1040.84	1562	1666	1926	2082	2103	2165	2217	2603	2769	3352	4164
2	16910	1409.17	2114	2255	2607	2819	2847	2932	3002	3523	3749	4538	5637
2 Adults	16910	1409.17	2114	2255	2607	2819	2847	2932	3002	3523	3749	4538	5637
3	21330	1777.50	2667	2844	3289	3555	3591	3698	3787	4444	4729	5724	7110
4	25750	2145.84	3219	3434	3970	4292	4335	4464	4571	5365	5708	6910	8584
5	30170	2514.17	3772	4023	4652	5029	5079	5230	5356	6286	6688	8096	10057
6	34590	2882.50	4324	4612	5333	5765	5823	5996	6140	7207	7668	9282	11530
7	39010	3250.84	4877	5202	6015	6502	6567	6762	6925	8128	8648	10468	13004
8	43430	3619.17	5429	5791	6696	7239	7311	7528	7709	9048	9627	11654	14477
9	47850	3987.50	5982	6380	7377	7975	8055	8294	8494	9969	10607	12840	15950
10	52270	4355.84	6534	6970	8059	8712	8799	9061	9278	10890	11587	14026	17424
11	56690	4724.17	7087	7559	8740	9449	9543	9827	10063	11811	12567	15212	18897
12	61110	5092.50	7639	8148	9422	10185	10287	10593	10848	12732	13547	16398	20370
Ea Add'l	4420	368.34	553	590	682	737	745	767	785	921	980	1187	1474

MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)

2019 FPL Calculation Chart (Annual Values)

Enclosure 2

Family Size	Annual 100% FPL	60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%	142%
1	12490	7494	12490	13490	13615	14239	14988	15988	16612	16862	17237	17736
2	16910	10146	16910	18263	18432	19278	20292	21645	22491	22829	23336	24013
2 Adults	16910	10146	16910	18263	18432	19278	20292	21645	22491	22829	23336	24013
3	21330	12798	21330	23037	23250	24317	25596	27303	28369	28796	29436	30289
4	25750	15450	25750	27810	28068	29355	30900	32960	34248	34763	35535	36565
5	30170	18102	30170	32584	32886	34394	36204	38618	40127	40730	41635	42842
6	34590	20754	34590	37358	37704	39433	41508	44276	46005	46697	47735	49118
7	39010	23406	39010	42131	42521	44472	46812	49933	51884	52664	53834	55395
8	43430	26058	43430	46905	47339	49511	52116	55591	57762	58631	59934	61671
9	47850	28710	47850	51678	52157	54549	57420	61248	63641	64598	66033	67947
10	52270	31362	52270	56452	56975	59588	62724	66906	69520	70565	72133	74224
11	56690	34014	56690	61226	61793	64627	68028	72564	75398	76532	78233	80500
12	61110	36666	61110	65999	66610	69666	73332	78221	81277	82499	84332	86777
Ea Add'l	4420	2652	4420	4774	4818	5039	5304	5658	5879	5967	6100	6277

ANNUAL FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)

2019 FPL Calculation Chart (Annual Values)

Enclosure 2

Family Size	Annual 100% FPL	150%	160%	185%	200%	202%	208%	213%	250%	266%	322%	400%
1	12490	18735	19984	23107	24980	25230	25980	26604	31225	33224	40218	49960
2	16910	25365	27056	31284	33820	34159	35173	36019	42275	44981	54451	67640
2 Adults	16910	25365	27056	31284	33820	34159	35173	36019	42275	44981	54451	67640
3	21330	31995	34128	39461	42660	43087	44367	45433	53325	56738	68683	85320
4	25750	38625	41200	47638	51500	52015	53560	54848	64375	68495	82915	103000
5	30170	45255	48272	55815	60340	60944	62754	64263	75425	80253	97148	120680
6	34590	51885	55344	63992	69180	69872	71948	73677	86475	92010	111380	138360
7	39010	58515	62416	72169	78020	78801	81141	83092	97525	103767	125613	156040
8	43430	65145	69488	80346	86860	87729	90335	92506	108575	115524	139845	173720
9	47850	71775	76560	88523	95700	96657	99528	101921	119625	127281	154077	191400
10	52270	78405	83632	96700	104540	105586	108722	111336	130675	139039	168310	209080
11	56690	85035	90704	104877	113380	114514	117916	120750	141725	150796	182542	226760
12	61110	91665	97776	113054	122220	123443	127109	130165	152775	162553	196775	244440
Ea Add'l	4420	6630	7072	8177	8840	8929	9194	9415	11050	11758	14233	17680

ANNUAL FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)

Program Descriptions by FPL

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100% FPL	= Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and = FPL Program for Aged & Disabled
108% FPL	= 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 65 years of age or older or Enrollment in Medicare Parts A or B (109% FPL, Plus 5% MAGI Disregard)
120% FPL	= < Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)
128% FPL	= Disabled Individuals in New Adult Group *(ACWDL will be released when implemented)
133% FPL	= ACA Children and Title XXI Expansion Children Ages 6-19
135% FPL	= < Qualified Individual 1 Program (QI-1)
138% FPL	= ACA New Adults Ages 19-64
138% FPL and below	= Full-Scope Coverage for ACA Pregnant Persons
Above 138% to 213% FPL	= Pregnancy Related Medi-Cal

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142% FPL	= ACA and Title XXI Expansion Children Ages 1-6
160% FPL	= ACA Optional Targeted Low-Income Children (OTLIC) Program starting point for premiums
185% FPL	= Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Pre-ACA)
200% FPL	= Qualified Working Disabled Individuals = Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
202% FPL	= Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Post ACA) *(ACWDL will be released when implemented)
208% FPL	= ACA and Title XXI Expansion Infants Ages 0-1
213% FPL	= ACA Pregnant Persons, pregnancy related Medi-Cal
Above 213% to 322% FPL	= Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP) = Medi-Cal Access Infant Program (MCAIP)
250% FPL	= Working Disabled Program
266% FPL	= ACA OTLIC
Above 266% to 322% FPL	= County Children's Health Initiative Program (C-CHIP)

Program Descriptions by FPL

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400+% FPL	= Unsubsidized Coverage
\$35.00	= Maintenance Need for Resident in LTC Facility

Notes: “=” means: eligible if budget unit income is equal to or less than income limit

“<” means: eligible if budget unit income is less than income limit

“>” means: eligible if budget unit income is greater than income limit

- MSP includes Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Beneficiary (SLMB) and Qualified Individual (QI-1) Programs.
- For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) *not* receiving RSDI Title II Income, the FPL figures are effective January 1, 2019.
- For applicants and recipients of MSPs receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1, 2019.