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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 18-03
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2018 Federal Poverty Levels

The enclosed charts provide the 2018 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 18, 2018. In this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is providing 2018 monthly FPL values (enclosure 1) as well as 2018 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 persons, 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, 2018, 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.

- 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, 2018.

- For MSP applicants or recipients who are receiving Title II RSDI income, the effective date for the new FPLs is March 1, 2018.

- For individuals who are eligible for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled FPL programs, the effective date of the revised FPL figures is April 1, 2018.

When determining eligibility for retroactive coverage for months in 2017, use the FPL and related charts referenced in ACWDL 17-10.

If you have other questions on the FPL charts, please contact Sara McDonald at (916) 552-9675 or by email at Sara.McDonald@dhcs.ca.gov

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Enclosures

2018 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)										
Family Size	**Annual FPL**	**Monthly FPL**	**60%**	**100%**	**108%**	**109%**	**114%**	**120%**	**128%**	**133%**	**135%**	**138%**	**142%**
1	12140	1011.67	607	1012	1093	1103	1154	1214	1295	1346	1366	1397	1437
2	16460	1371.67	823	1372	1482	1496	1564	1646	1756	1825	1852	1893	1948
2 Adults	16460	1371.67	823	1372	1482	1496	1564	1646	1756	1825	1852	1893	1948
3	20780	1731.67	1039	1732	1871	1888	1975	2078	2217	2304	2338	2390	2459
4	25100	2091.67	1255	2092	2259	2280	2385	2510	2678	2782	2824	2887	2971
5	29420	2451.67	1471	2452	2648	2673	2795	2942	3139	3261	3310	3384	3482
6	33740	2811.67	1687	2812	3037	3065	3206	3374	3599	3740	3796	3881	3993
7	38060	3171.67	1903	3172	3426	3458	3616	3806	4060	4219	4282	4377	4504
8	42380	3531.67	2119	3532	3815	3850	4027	4238	4521	4698	4768	4874	5015
9	46700	3891.67	2335	3892	4203	4242	4437	4670	4982	5176	5254	5371	5527
10	51020	4251.67	2551	4252	4592	4635	4847	5102	5443	5655	5740	5868	6038
11	55340	4611.67	2767	4612	4981	5027	5258	5534	5903	6134	6226	6365	6549
12	59660	4971.67	2983	4972	5370	5420	5668	5966	6364	6613	6712	6861	7060
Ea Add'l	**4320**	**360.00**	**216**	**360**	**389**	**393**	**411**	**432**	**461**	**479**	**486**	**497**	**512**

	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)										
Family Size	**Annual FPL**	**Monthly FPL**	**150%**	**160%**	**185%**	**200%**	**202%**	**208%**	**213%**	**250%**	**266%**	**322%**	**400%**
1	12060	1011.67	1518	1619	1872	2024	2044	2105	2155	2530	2692	3258	4047
2	16240	1371.67	2058	2195	2538	2744	2771	2854	2922	3430	3649	4417	5487
2 Adults	16240	1371.67	2058	2195	2538	2744	2771	2854	2922	3430	3649	4417	5487
3	20420	1731.67	2598	2771	3204	3464	3498	3602	3689	4330	4607	5576	6927
4	24600	2091.67	3138	3347	3870	4184	4226	4351	4456	5230	5564	6736	8367
5	28780	2451.67	3678	3923	4536	4904	4953	5100	5223	6130	6522	7895	9807
6	32960	2811.67	4218	4499	5202	5624	5680	5849	5989	7030	7480	9054	11247
7	37140	3171.67	4758	5075	5868	6344	6407	6598	6756	7930	8437	10213	12687
8	41320	3531.67	5298	5651	6534	7064	7134	7346	7523	8830	9395	11372	14127
9	45500	3891.67	5838	6227	7200	7784	7862	8095	8290	9730	10352	12532	15567
10	49680	4251.67	6378	6803	7866	8504	8589	8844	9057	10630	11310	13691	17007
11	53860	4611.67	6918	7379	8532	9224	9316	9593	9823	11530	12268	14850	18447
12	58040	4971.67	7458	7955	9198	9944	10043	10342	10590	12430	13225	16009	19887
Ea Add'l	**4320**	**360.00**	**540**	**576**	**666**	**720**	**728**	**749**	**767**	**900**	**958**	**1160**	**1440**

2018 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	12140	7284	12140	13112	13233	13840	14568	15540	16147	16389	16754	17239
2	16460	9876	16460	17777	17942	18765	19752	21069	21892	22221	22715	23374
2 Adults	16460	9876	16460	17777	17942	18765	19752	21069	21892	22221	22715	23374
3	20780	12468	20780	22443	22651	23690	24936	26599	27638	28053	28677	29508
4	25100	15060	25100	27108	27359	28614	30120	32128	33383	33885	34638	35642
5	29420	17652	29420	31774	32068	33539	35304	37658	39129	39717	40600	41777
6	33740	20244	33740	36440	36777	38464	40488	43188	44875	45549	46562	47911
7	38060	22836	38060	41105	41486	43389	45672	48717	50620	51381	52523	54046
8	42380	25428	42380	45771	46195	48314	50856	54247	56366	57213	58485	60180
9	46700	28020	46700	50436	50903	53238	56040	59776	62111	63045	64446	66314
10	51020	30612	51020	55102	55612	58163	61224	65306	67857	68877	70408	72449
11	55340	33204	55340	59768	60321	63088	66408	70836	73603	74709	76370	78583
12	59660	35796	59660	64433	65030	68013	71592	76365	79348	80541	82331	84718
Ea Add'l	**4320**	**2592**	**4320**	**4666**	**4709**	**4925**	**5184**	**5530**	**5746**	**5832**	**5962**	**6135**

	100% FPL	ANNUAL FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)										
Family Size	**Annual FPL**	**150%**	**160%**	**185%**	**200%**	**202%**	**208%**	**213%**	**250%**	**266%**	**322%**	**400%**
1	12140	18210	19424	22459	24280	24523	25252	25859	30350	32293	39091	48560
2	16460	24690	26336	30451	32920	33250	34237	35060	41150	43784	53002	65840
2 Adults	16460	24690	26336	30451	32920	33250	34237	35060	41150	43784	53002	65840
3	20780	31170	33248	38443	41560	41976	43223	44262	51950	55275	66912	83120
4	25100	37650	40160	46435	50200	50702	52208	53463	62750	66766	80822	100400
5	29420	44130	47072	54427	58840	59429	61194	62665	73550	78258	94733	117680
6	33740	50610	53984	62419	67480	68155	70180	71867	84350	89749	108643	134960
7	38060	57090	60896	70411	76120	76882	79165	81068	95150	101240	122554	152240
8	42380	63570	67808	78403	84760	85608	88151	90270	105950	112731	136464	169520
9	46700	70050	74720	86395	93400	94334	97136	99471	116750	124222	150374	186800
10	51020	76530	81632	94387	102040	103061	106122	108673	127550	135714	164285	204080
11	55340	83010	88544	102379	110680	111787	115108	117875	138350	147205	178195	221360
12	59660	89490	95456	110371	119320	120514	124093	127076	149150	158696	192106	238640
Ea Add'l	**4320**	**6480**	**6912**	**7992**	**8640**	**8727**	**8986**	**9202**	**10800**	**11492**	**13911**	**17280**

Program Descriptions by FPL

100% FPL	= Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and = Children Ages 6 up to 19 Percent Program (Pre-ACA); and = FPL Program for Aged & Disabled; and = Section 1931 for certain recipients (Pre-ACA)
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 Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)
128% FPL	= Disabled Individuals in New Adult Group (ACWDL will be released when implemented)
133% FPL	= Children Ages 1-6 (Pre-ACA) = 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

Program Descriptions by FPL

142 % FPL	= ACA Children Ages 1-6
150% FPL	= Targeted Low-Income Program (Pre-ACA)
160% FPL	= ACA Optional Targeted Low-Income Children (OTLIC) Program
250% FPL	= OTLIC Program (Pre-ACA) = Working Disabled Program
266% FPL	= ACA OTLIC
Above 266% to 322% FPL	= County Children's Health Initiative Program (C-CHIP)
322% FPL	= ACA MCAP Linked Infants
$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

For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) *not* receiving RSDI Title II Income, the FPL figures are effective January 1, 2018.

For applicants and recipients of MSPs receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1, 2018.