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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 (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.