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**Important news about increases  
Medicare Savings Programs asset limits**

Dear Medicare Savings Program Applicant:

A new California law raises the total amount of assets (property and money) a person or family can have and still qualify for Medicare Savings Programs, which pay for Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket costs. Assets that we count include bank accounts, cash, secondary vehicles and homes, and other financial resources.

**Asset limits for Medicare Savings Programs will go up on July 1, 2022**

The limits for assets we count when we decide if you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program will go up on **July 1, 2022**. The amounts depend on the number of people in your household:

| Number of people in household | Old asset limits | New asset limits |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 person                      | \$2,000          | <b>\$130,000</b> |
| 2 people (formerly “couple”)  | \$3,000          | <b>\$195,000</b> |

If you applied for a Medicare Savings Program in the month of June, before June 30, 2022, and your assets were above the old asset limit, your county will decide your eligibility for July 2022 on. If we approved your application for a Medicare Savings Program on or after July 1, 2022, we will mail you a letter to tell you our decision.

If your assets were above the limit to qualify for a Medicare Savings Program from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 but are below the new asset limit, you may now qualify for a Medicare Savings Program. If you think this is true for you, you can re-apply for a Medicare Savings Program:

- **In person or by phone.** Go to or call your local county office.
- **By mail or online.** Find the application on the Department of Health Care Services website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Pages/Index-MC13-MC0805.aspx>. Print the form and either drop off or mail it to your local county office.

A list of local county offices came with this letter. Or go to the Department of Health Care Services website at [dhcs.ca.gov/col](http://dhcs.ca.gov/col).

**Questions?**

If you have questions about this change or need help, contact your local county office. For general questions about Medicare Savings Programs, call the Medi-Cal Helpline at **1-800-541-5555**. The call is free.

Thank you,

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