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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 21-17
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2021/2022 Family Members Base Allocation Amount
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter [20-13](#))

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to provide counties with the updated family member base allocation (FMBA) amount per Section 1924(d) of the Social Security Act. The FMBA amount is used to determine how much of their income the institutionalized spouse may allocate to family members. The FMBA amount is used to determine how much of their income the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) spouse may allocate to family members.

Effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, the FMBA amount for a family member living with the community spouse of an institutionalized spouse or the HCBS spouse is \$2,178.

Note: The FMBA amount for 2020/2021 was \$2,155.

Implementation Timeline

The Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) shall make programming changes for the 2021/2022 FMBA amount during the next available SAWS release. The programming changes will be updated in the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Information Network (CalWIN) Systems. Until the updated programming changes take place, County Eligibility Worker (CEW) will need to manually evaluate each case, if the share of cost needs to be adjusted based on the updated 2021/2022 FMBA. If a CEW is currently working on the case and wants to apply the updated value effective 07/01/2021, a manual budget may be completed and the EDBC overridden, as appropriate.

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If you have other questions regarding this letter, please contact Daniela Gutierrez at (916) 345-8501 or by email at Daniela.Gutierrez@dhcs.ca.gov.

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