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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons  
All County Health Executives  
All County Mental Health Directors  
All QMB/SLMB/QI County Coordinators

Letter No.: 01-66

**THE 2002 MEDICARE PREMIUMS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME STANDARD AND PARENT ALLOCATIONS FOR THE QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB)/SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB)/QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL (QI) AND OTHER PROGRAMS**

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 99-73 and 00-65

This letter is to inform you of the 2002 "Supplemental Security Income Standard Allocation" and the "Parent Allocation" amounts to be used in various programs, such as the 250 Percent Working Disabled and QMB/SLMB/QI programs.

These allocations are based on the annual federal benefit rate (FBR) which is based on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The Standard Allocation increased from \$266 to \$272 (the couple FBR minus the individual FBR). The Parent Allocation for 2002 is determined as follows:

When there is earned, unearned income, or a combination of income:

- The parent allocation (if one ineligible parent lives with child) is \$545 (FBR for an individual); and
- The parent allocation (if both ineligible parents live with the child) is \$817 (FBR for a couple).

The 2002 Medicare Part A premium will increase to \$319 for persons who do not receive Medicare free Part A. The reduced Medicare Part A premium will increase to \$175 for persons with 30 - 39 quarters of Medicare covered employment. Both have a 10 percent penalty for late enrollment.

The Part A deductible will be \$812 a day for the first 60 days of inpatient care and \$203 a day for the 61<sup>st</sup> through 90<sup>th</sup> day. For days 91 through 150, the deductible will be \$406. The skilled nursing facility deductible is rising to \$101.50 a day for the 21<sup>st</sup> through 100<sup>th</sup> day (there is no deductible for day 1 through 20).

The 2002 Medicare Part B premium will be \$54. The deductible will remain at \$100. The QI-2 benefit will be \$3.91.

Disregard the Title II COLA for all programs where eligibility is based on the federal poverty level (FPL) except the Qualified Disabled Working Individuals program until the new FPLs are in effect on April 1, 2002. These programs include the Income Disregard program, 133 Percent, and 100 Percent programs for children, the 250 Percent Working Disabled, and the QMB/SLMB/QI programs.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ms. Vicki Partington at (916) 654-5909 or E-mail [Vparting@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:Vparting@dhs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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