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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 04-04  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NEW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004  
(Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 90-42, 91-34, 92-19,  
93-16, 94-29, 95-19, 96-17, 97-11, 98-14, 99-15, 00-10, 01-16, 02-13 and  
03-10.)

The enclosed chart provides you with the poverty level ceilings for most of the Medi-Cal percentage programs. These ceilings are derived from the annual federal poverty level (FPL) figures published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2004, (Volume 69, Number 30, Pages 7336-7338).

We have also enclosed a new *Sneede v. Kizer* prorated FPL chart based on the new poverty levels (100 percent) which are used for Section 1931(b) applicants and some recipients which are also effective on April 1, 2004.

If you have any questions on the FPL chart, please contact Mr. Dave Rappolee at (916) 552-9517. For questions about the *Sneede v. Kizer* prorated chart, please contact Ms. Margie Buzdas at (916) 552-9481.

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Enclosures

## 2004 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHART

Effective 4/1/04

Persons	Monthly MMNL(\$)	MMNL as % of FPL	100%(\$) Monthly	Annual(\$) 100% FPL	120% Monthly (\$)	133% Monthly (\$)	185% Monthly (\$)	200% Monthly (\$)	250% Monthly (\$)
1	600	78	776	9310	931	1032	1436	1552	1940
2	750	73	1041	12490	1249	1385	1926	2082	2603
2 Adults	934	90	1041	12490	1249	1385	1926	2082	2603
3	934	72	1306	15670	1567	1737	2416	2612	3265
4	1100	71	1571	18850	1885	2090	2907	3142	3928
5	1259	69	1836	22030	2203	2442	3397	3672	4590
6	1417	68	2101	25210	2521	2795	3887	4202	5253
7	1550	66	2366	28390	2839	3147	4377	4732	5915
8	1692	65	2631	31570	3157	3499	4868	5262	6578
9	1825	64	2896	34750	3475	3852	5358	5792	7240
10	1959	62	3161	37930	3793	4204	5848	6322	7903
For each addn'l member add	14		265	3180	318	353	491	530	663

\$35: = for Resident in LTC Facilities

133% FPL = for Children Ages 1 Up To Age 6

MMNL = for Medically Needy Program

185% FPL = for Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC)

100% FPL = for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program, and  
 = for Children Ages 6 Up To 19 Percent Program, and  
 = for FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and  
 = for Section 1931 Applicants and for Certain Recipient's

200% FPL = for Qualified Working Disabled Individuals; and  
 = for Pregnant Women and Infants Up To Age 1 (disregard is in the 200% FPL)

120% FPL < for Specified Low Income Beneficiaries

250% FPL = for Healthy Families Program, and for Working Disabled Program

**Notes**

"=" means: eligibility if ouget unit income is equal to or less than income limit.  
 "<" means: eligibility if budget unit income is less than income limit.  
 Figures in above chart are rounded up to next dollar where necessary.

**Section 1931(b) Determinations: Sneede v. Kizer  
Prorated FPL Income Standard and Property Levels  
- April 1, 2004 -**

<b>∴ MBU Contains an Adult - May also Include an Unborn</b>		
<b>Person Type</b>	<b>1931(b) Income</b>	<b>Property</b>
Single Parent	\$776	\$3,000
Single Parent with Unborn	\$1,041	\$3,000
Married Couple - Two Adults	\$1,041	\$3,000
Married Couple - with Unborn	\$1,306	\$3,150
Unmarried Couple - Each Unmarried Partner	\$776	\$3,000

**II. MBU Contains Adult(s) and Child(ren)**  
Allow the full non-Sneede Section 1931(b) income/property limits for the MBU based on the number of individuals in the MBU.

**III. MBU Contains a Nonparent Caretaker Relative, or Child(ren) with No Parents Living in the Home, or Child(ren) Whose Parent is PA/Other PA or Not in the MFBU**  
Each MBU receives full non-Sneede(b) income/property limit based on the number of persons in the MBU. If there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, include the unborn in the pregnant minor's MBU.

**IV. MBU Contains Only Children Who Live with One or Both Parents (Not Stepparents) and They Are in the Same MFBU. (Do not include a parent who is PA/other PA and not in the MFBU. Also, if there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, her unborn is considered as another child in the pregnant minor's MBU.)**

<b>No. of Children in MBU</b>	<b>One Parent</b>		<b>Two Parents</b>	
	<b>Prorated Income</b>	<b>Prorated Property</b>	<b>Prorated Income</b>	<b>Prorated Property</b>
1	\$521	\$1,500	\$436	\$1,050
2	\$871	\$2,100	\$786	\$1,650
3	\$1,179	\$2,475	\$1,102	\$2,070
4	\$1,469	\$2,760	\$1,401	\$2,400
5	\$1,751	\$3,000	\$1,690	\$2,679
6	\$2,028	\$3,215	\$1,974	\$2,925
7	\$2,303	\$3,413	\$2,253	\$3,150
8	\$2,575	\$3,600	\$2,529	\$3,360
9	\$2,845	\$3,780	\$2,801	\$3,437
10	\$3,112	\$3,819	\$3,071	\$3,500

Note 1: Add \$262 for each additional child after 10 to Sec. 1931(b) income standards to determine prorated income standards

Note 2:  $(\text{No Children in MBU}) / (\text{No Parents in MFBU} + \text{No Children in MBU})$  multiplied by 1931(b) income standard for a budget unit of Parent(s) in MFBU + Child(ren) in MBU = Prorated Income in Part IV