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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 04-15
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT: NEW LIMITS AND DISREGARDS FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED
FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL PROGRAM FOR 2004**

This letter is to provide counties with the 2004 income limits for the Aged and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) program as follows:

The effective income limit for an A&D FPL individual is \$1006 as of April 1, 2004. This income limit is equal to \$776 (100 percent of the FPL for one effective April 1, 2004) and the \$230 standard disregard for an individual.

The A&D FPL couple income limit, according to the formula for this program, would be 100 percent of FPL for two and the standard \$310 disregard for a couple. However, Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14005.40 (1) requires that the A&D FPL couples' effective income standard be no less than the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) couple payment standard. The new SSI/SSP payment standard is \$1399 as of January 1, 2004.

For determinations from January 1, 2004, through March 31, 2004, the income disregard would be \$389, which is the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment of \$1399 and \$1010 (100 percent of the FPL for two effective April 1, 2003).

The income disregard must be reduced to \$358 for determinations from April 1 to December 31, 2004. This is equal to the difference between the SSI/SSP couple payment of \$1399 and \$1041 (100 percent of FPL for two effective April 1, 2004).

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