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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 06-39
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: NEW INCOME LIMITS FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED FEDERAL
POVERTY LEVEL (A&D FPL) PROGRAM FOR JANUARY THROUGH
MARCH 2007

This All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to advise counties that the currently effective 2006 A&D FPL income limit for individuals will remain the same through the January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007 period. However, January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007, the A&D FPL income limit for a couple will change to \$1502.

The income disregard will be \$432 and the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will be \$1070 (\$1502 for a couple) until the new FPLs for 2007 become effective April 1, 2007.

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) expects that the individual income limits will be increased effective April 1, 2007, and will publish a ACWDL providing the updated income limits as soon as CDHS receives the cost-of-living adjustments applicable to these income limits. Typically, the ACWDL for the April 1 income limits updates for the A&D FPL program are published in February.

Explanation for Changed Income Limit: The payment rate for Social Security's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program increased as of January 1, 2007. The A&D FPL program limits cannot be less than the SSI/State Supplemental Plan (SSP) payment levels. Therefore, the 2007 individual SSI/SSP payment level is still below current A&D FPL income limit and will not change until April 1, 2007.

But, the SSI/SSP couple level is above the couple A&D FPL income limit, therefore, we must change the A&D FPL program income limit for couples to match that of the SSI/SSP couple income level.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Mr. Craig Yagi, of my staff, at (916) 552-9522.

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