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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 17-10
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2017 Federal Poverty Levels

The enclosed charts provide the 2017 poverty level ceilings for Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP), MCAP-Linked Infants, and County Children's Health Initiative Program (C-CHIP). The C-CHIP is available in San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties only. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) derives these ceilings from the annual Federal Poverty Level (FPL) figures published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2017. In this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL), DHCS is providing 2017 monthly FPL values (enclosure 1) as well as 2017 annual FPL values (enclosure 2).

Counties must review all denials and discontinuances for the following groups back to the date specified in the attached chart, and reevaluate eligibility based on the revised FPL figures as of the effective dates specified below.

- For applicants and beneficiaries who are parent/caretaker relatives, children, pregnant women, and non-Medicare recipients who are age 19 up to 65 whose eligibility is determined based upon Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodologies, the new FPLs are effective January 1, 2017, due to whole month eligibility.

Please note: Due to delays in implementing these FPLs in the California Healthcare Eligibility Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS), DHCS initiated a Change Request for the CalHEERS system to update automatically the annual FPL amounts. DHCS will send a notice to the beneficiaries potentially impacted by the change to inform them of the FPL increase and the option to request a redetermination. DHCS will not reimburse beneficiaries for premiums paid, according to guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The notice will state that no premium reimbursements will be available. Therefore,

counties shall retroactively change eligibility only for those Optional Targeted Low-Income Children's Program eligible children, Advance Premium Tax Credit eligible individuals who did not enroll in a plan or did not pay a premium, and individuals who are eligible only for the Medi-Cal programs with a Share-of-Cost in the same month. Finally, counties shall move pregnant women eligible in aid code M9 on or after January 1, 2017, to aid code M7 as of the date of implementation of these FPLs, to ensure continuity of care in accordance with ACWDL 15-35.

- For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified Individual 1 who do not receive Title II Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) income, counties must apply the new FPL figures retroactively to January 1, 2017.
- For MSP applicants or recipients who are receiving Title II RSDI income, the effective date for the new FPLs is March 1, 2017.
- For individuals who are eligible for the Aged, Blind and Disabled FPL programs, the effective date of the revised FPL figures is April 1, 2017.

When determining eligibility for retroactive coverage for months in 2016, use the FPL and related charts referenced in ACWDL 16-03.

If you have other questions on the FPL charts, please contact Bonnie Tran at (916) 552-9675 or by email at Bonnie.Tran@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Enclosures

2017 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

Family Size	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)									
	Annual FPL	Monthly FPL	60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%
1	12060	1005.00	603	1005	1086	1096	1146	1206	1287	1337	1357	1387
2	16240	1353.33	812	1354	1462	1476	1543	1624	1733	1800	1827	1868
2 Adults	16240	1353.33	812	1354	1462	1476	1543	1624	1733	1800	1827	1868
3	20420	1701.67	1022	1702	1838	1855	1940	2043	2179	2264	2298	2349
4	24600	2050.00	1230	2050	2214	2235	2337	2460	2624	2727	2768	2829
5	28780	2398.33	1439	2399	2591	2615	2735	2878	3070	3190	3238	3310
6	32960	2746.67	1649	2747	2967	2994	3132	3297	3516	3654	3709	3791
7	37140	3095.00	1857	3095	3343	3374	3529	3714	3962	4117	4179	4272
8	41320	3443.33	2066	3444	3719	3754	3926	4132	4408	4580	4649	4752
9	45500	3791.67	2276	3792	4096	4133	4323	4551	4854	5043	5119	5233
10	49680	4140.00	2484	4140	4472	4513	4720	4968	5300	5507	5589	5714
11	53860	4488.33	2693	4489	4848	4893	5117	5386	5746	5970	6060	6194
12	58040	4836.67	2903	4837	5224	5272	5514	5805	6191	6433	6530	6675
Ea Add'l	4180	348.33	209	349	377	380	398	418	446	464	471	481

Family Size	100% FPL		MONTHLY FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)											
	Annual FPL	Monthly FPL	142%	150%	160%	185%	200%	202%	208%	213%	250%	266%	322%	400%
1	12060	1005.00	1428	1508	1608	1860	2010	2031	2091	2141	2513	2674	3237	4020
2	16240	1353.33	1922	2030	2166	2504	2707	2734	2815	2883	3384	3600	4358	5414
2 Adults	16240	1353.33	1922	2030	2166	2504	2707	2734	2815	2883	3384	3600	4358	5414
3	20420	1701.67	2417	2553	2723	3149	3404	3438	3540	3625	4255	4527	5480	6807
4	24600	2050.00	2911	3075	3280	3793	4100	4141	4264	4367	5125	5453	6601	8200
5	28780	2398.33	3406	3598	3838	4437	4797	4845	4989	5109	5996	6380	7723	9594
6	32960	2746.67	3901	4121	4395	5082	5494	5549	5714	5851	6867	7307	8845	10987
7	37140	3095.00	4395	4643	4952	5726	6190	6252	6438	6593	7738	8233	9966	12380
8	41320	3443.33	4890	5165	5510	6371	6887	6956	7163	7335	8609	9160	11088	13774
9	45500	3791.67	5385	5688	6067	7015	7584	7660	7887	8077	9480	10086	12210	15167
10	49680	4140.00	5879	6210	6624	7659	8280	8363	8612	8819	10350	11013	13331	16560
11	53860	4488.33	6374	6733	7182	8304	8977	9067	9336	9561	11221	11939	14453	17954
12	58040	4836.67	6869	7256	7739	8948	9674	9771	10061	10303	12092	12866	15575	19347
Ea Add'l	4180	348.33	495	523	558	645	697	704	725	742	871	927	1122	1394

2017 FPL Calculation Chart (Monthly Values)

\$35: = Maintenance Need for Resident in LTC Facility

100% FPL: = Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program; and
= Children Ages 6 Up to 19 Percent Program (Pre ACA); and
= FPL Program for Aged and Disabled; and
= Section 1931 for certain Recipient's (Pre ACA)

108% FPL: = Floor ACA Title XXI CHIP Expansion Children Ages 6-19

109% FPL: = ACA Parents and Caretaker Relatives

114% FPL: = ACA Parents and Caretaker Relatives not eligible for the ACA New Adult Group due to non-financial eligibility criteria such as enrollment in Medicare Parts A or B (109% FPL, plus 5% MAGI disregard)

120% FPL: < Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)

128% FPL: = Disabled Individuals in New Adult Group *ACWDL will be released when implemented

133% FPL: = Children Ages 1-6 (Pre ACA)
= ACA Children and Title XXI Expansion Children Ages 6-19

135% FPL: < Qualified Individual 1 Program (QI-1)

138% FPL: = ACA New Adults Ages 19-64

138% FPL and below: = Full Scope Coverage for ACA Pregnant Women

Above 138% - 213% FPL: = Pregnancy Related Medi-Cal

Above 213% - 322% FPL: = Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP)

142% FPL: = ACA Children Ages 1-6

150% FPL: = Target Low Income Program (Pre ACA)

160% FPL: = ACA OTLIC Program

185% FPL: = Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Pre ACA)

200% FPL: = Qualified Working Disabled Individuals; and
= Pregnant Women and Infants Up to Age 1
(disregard is in the 200% FPL) (Pre ACA)
= Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

202% FPL: = Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) (Post ACA) *ACWDL will be released when implemented

208% FPL: = ACA Infants Ages 0-1

213% FPL: > Floor for ACA MCAP Linked Infants (OTLIC)
= ACA Pregnant Women and Infants Up To Age 1
(with 5% earned income disregard included)

250% FPL: = Optional Targeted Low Income Children (Pre ACA),
and for Working Disabled Program

266% FPL: = ACA Optional Targeted Low Income Children (OTLIC)
Above 266%-322% FPL: = County Childrens Health Initiative Pro
322% FPL: = ACA MCAP Linked Infants

Notes:

"=" means: eligible if budget unit income is equal to or less than income limit

"<" means: eligible if budget unit income is less than income limit

">" means: eligible if budget unit income is greater than income limit

For applicants and recipients of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP- includes Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low Income Beneficiary and Qualified Individual 1 Programs) not receiving RSDI Title II income, the FPL figures are effective January 1, 2017, beginning the month of publication for MSP applicants or recipients receiving RSDI Title II income, the new FPL figures are effective March 1, 2017.

2017 FPL Calculation Chart (Annual Values)

	100% FPL	ANNUAL FPL VALUES (Rounded up to next higher dollar)										
Family Size	Annual FPL	60%	100%	108%	109%	114%	120%	128%	133%	135%	138%	142%
1	12060	7236	12060	13025	13146	13749	14472	15437	16040	16281	16643	17126
2	16240	9744	16240	17540	17702	18514	19488	20788	21600	21924	22412	23061
2 Adults	16240	9744	16240	17540	17702	18514	19488	20788	21600	21924	22412	23061
3	20420	12252	20420	22054	22258	23279	24504	26138	27159	27567	28180	28997
4	24600	14760	24600	26568	26814	28044	29520	31488	32718	33210	33948	34932
5	28780	17268	28780	31083	31371	32810	34536	36839	38278	38853	39717	40868
6	32960	19776	32960	35597	35927	37575	39552	42189	43837	44496	45485	46804
7	37140	22284	37140	40112	40483	42340	44568	47540	49397	50139	51254	52739
8	41320	24792	41320	44626	45039	47105	49584	52890	54956	55782	57022	58675
9	45500	27300	45500	49140	49595	51870	54600	58240	60515	61425	62790	64610
10	49680	29808	49680	53655	54152	56636	59616	63591	66075	67068	68559	70546
11	53860	32316	53860	58169	58708	61401	64632	68941	71634	72711	74327	76482
12	58040	34824	58040	62684	63264	66166	69648	74292	77194	78354	80096	82417
Ea Add'l	4180	2508	4180	4515	4557	4766	5016	5351	5560	5643	5769	5936

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1	12060	18090	19296	22311	24120	24362	25085	25688	30150	32080	38834	48240
2	16240	24360	25984	30044	32480	32805	33780	34592	40600	43199	52293	64960
2 Adults	16240	24360	25984	30044	32480	32805	33780	34592	40600	43199	52293	64960
3	20420	30630	32672	37777	40840	41249	42474	43495	51050	54318	65753	81680
4	24600	36900	39360	45510	49200	49692	51168	52398	61500	65436	79212	98400
5	28780	43170	46048	53243	57560	58136	59863	61302	71950	76555	92672	115120
6	32960	49440	52736	60976	65920	66580	68557	70205	82400	87674	106132	131840
7	37140	55710	59424	68709	74280	75023	77252	79109	92850	98793	119591	148560
8	41320	61980	66112	76442	82640	83467	85946	88012	103300	109912	133051	165280
9	45500	68250	72800	84175	91000	91910	94640	96915	113750	121030	146510	182000
10	49680	74520	79488	91908	99360	100354	103335	105819	124200	132149	159970	198720
11	53860	80790	86176	99641	107720	108798	112029	114722	134650	143268	173430	215440
12	58040	87060	92864	107374	116080	117241	120724	123626	145100	154387	186889	232160
Ea Add'l	4180	6270	6688	7733	8360	8444	8695	8904	10450	11119	13460	16720