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TO: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

1996-1997 FAMILY-MEMBER MAXIMUM BASE ALLOCATION AMOUNT

Ref: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No. 95-37

This is to provide counties with the updated family-member maximum base allocation amount (provided under authority of Section 1924(d) of the Social Security Act) used in determining how much the long-term (LTC) care beneficiary may allocate to family members. Effective July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997, this family member base allocation amount (for use in Section IX, A.2 and B.2 of the Allocation/Special Deduction Worksheet B -- Form MAW (1/90)) for a family member living with the community spouse of a beneficiary with LTC status is \$1,295. (The level in 1995-1996 was \$1,254.)

Please direct questions concerning the family-member maximum base allocation amount to Dave Rappolee of my staff at (916) 657-0163.

Sincerely,

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