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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 21-02
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 2021 Medicare Savings Program Property Limit
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter No.: [20-07](#))

Effective January 1, 2021, this letter revises the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) property limit amounts to be used in determining eligibility. This guidance is effective immediately. The Statewide Automated Welfare Systems (SAWS) must make programming changes for the 2021 MSP property limits during the next available SAWS release.

Counties must review all MSP denials and discontinuances back to January 1, 2021, and re-evaluate eligibility based upon the revised property limit amounts.

MSP 2021 Property Limits

The property limits used to determine MSP eligibility will increase in 2021. The limits are \$7,970.00 for an individual and \$11,960.00 for a couple. Federal law sets the MSP property limits at three times the Supplemental Security income property limit plus an annual percentage increase equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Note: Per Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letters (MEDILs) [I 20-07](#), [I 20-08](#), [I 20-18](#), [I 20-25](#), and [I 20-26](#), counties must delay processing of Medi-Cal annual renewals, and defer discontinuances and other negative actions based on the declared State and National Emergency due to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The county shall continue to process determinations or redeterminations for those individuals who would gain access to health care coverage and resolve barriers related to access to care.

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