

## [CA-211064] 2020 Federal Poverty Levels for Medi-Cal

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Deployment

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Committee: Reference:

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Review:

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Current Design:

1. LRS/CalSAWS maintains Medi-Cal Federal Poverty Level (FPL) tables in accordance to the ACWDL.

Three of these tables are used for FPL lookups for the following groups:

•MSP without RSDI: Applicants and recipients of Medicare Savings Programs (MSP): Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1), who do not receive Title II Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) income.

•MSP with RSDI: Applicants and recipients of MSP (QMB, SLMB, QI-1), who receive Title II RSDI income.

•Other Medi-Cal FPL Groups: All other Medi-Cal recipients who receive benefits based on a calculation involving the FPL.

These tables are using values which were implemented with the 2019 FPL Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) under CA-200834 per ACWDL 19-06. These values are implemented in the system effective to high date (ongoing).

Technical Note: Code Table stores values only up to family unit size 10. For every additional member in the family, additional amount is added.

2. Customer's Social Security Administration (SSA) income is updated every year based on the new SSA income increase rate effective the month of January of that particular year. FPL-related budgets also use this updated SSA income, but the new SSA income increase rate is not effective until the month of April for FPL budgets so the system uses a 'Backout Multiplier' to account for the difference. The Backout Multiplier holds the current year's SSA income increase rate value. When handling FPL budgets, the system takes the current SSA income amount and divides it with the Backout Multiplier (CT335\_A2\_SSA\_INCOME\_INCREASE\_MULTIPLIER) which results in the SSA income amount being equal to the previous SSA income amount for FPL-related budgets. With CA-200824, the Backout Multiplier was high-dated to continue for all of 2020.

Request: 1. ACWDL contains the 2020 FPL COLA values. The system needs to be updated with the new values.

2. With the release of ACWDL, the 'Backout Multiplier' is no longer needed effective 04/01/2020.

## Recommendation:

- 1. Update the following existing FPL values in the system to the new values in ACWDL 20-XX:
  - a. FPL values for MSP without RSDI
    - i. End-Date the existing 2019 values to 12/31/2019
    - ii. Insert the new values effective 01/01/2020 to high-date
      - 100% FPL for QMB w/out SSA (CT351-52)
      - 120% FPL for SLMB w/out SSA (CT351-54)
      - 135% FPL for QI1 w/out SSA (CT351-56)
  - b. MSP with RSDI
    - i. End-Date the existing 2019 values to 02/29/2020
    - ii. Insert the new values effective 03/01/2020 to high-date
      - 100% FPL for QMB w/ SSA (CT351-53)
      - 120% FPL for SLMB w/ SSA (CT351-55)
      - 135% FPL for QI1 w/ SSA (CT351-57)

- c. Other Medi-Cal FPL Groups
  - i. End-Date the existing 2019 values to 03/31/2020
  - ii. Insert the new values effective 04/01/2020 to high-date
    - 100% FPL (CT351-01)
    - 120% FPL (CT351-02)
    - 133% FPL (CT351-04)
    - 135% FPL (CT351-05)
    - 138% FPL (CT351-67)
    - 150% FPL (CT351-59)
    - 160% FPL (CT351-50)
    - 185% FPL (CT351-07)
    - 200% FPL (CT351-08)
    - 250% FPL (CT351-09)

## d. CMSP Value

- i. End Date the existing 2019 values to 12/31/2019
- ii. Insert the new values effective 01/01/2020 to high-date
  - 300% FPL (CT351-75)

Technical Note: 300%FPL is not a part of the ACWDL but calculated as thrice the 100% FPL value from the ACWDL.

Please Note: Adding 300% FPL values has no functionality in the system as LRS/CalSAWS does not use CMSP values.

This value is purely added to make LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV systems consistent since C-IV will be using CMSP values post migration.

2. Update the 'Backout Multiplier' values (CT335\_A5 and CT335\_A6) to '3' (March) since the 2020 FPL limits are being added to the system.

Outreach Description:

Migration Impact Description:

Joint design has been approved through the Medi-Cal/CMSP Committee. C-IV will implement this Change with CIV-105301 in the 20.02.19 release.

**Migration Impact** 

Analysis:

Alternative None

Procedure Description:

Operational Impact:

Estimate: 68

Automated Test :	0	Batch/Interfaces:	0	CalHEERS :	43
CalHEERS Test :	0	Client Correspondence:	0	DBA:	0
Design:	0	Eligibility:	0	Fiscal:	0
Imaging:	0	IVR/CC:	0	Online :	0
Performance :	0	Reports:	0	Security:	0
System Test Support :	20	Tech Arch:	0	Tech Ops:	0
Training:	0				