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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.:20-13  
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: 2020/2021 Family Members Base Allocation Amount  
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter [19-19](#))

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to provide counties with the updated family member base allocation (FMBA) amount per Section 1924(d) of the Social Security Act. The FMBA amount is used to determine how much of their income the institutionalized spouse and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) spouse may allocate to family members.

Effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, the FMBA amount for a family member living with the community spouse of an institutionalized spouse and HCBS spouse is \$2,155. The FMBA amount for 2019-2020 was \$2,114.

### Implementation Timeline

The Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) shall make programming changes for the 2020-2021 FMBA amount during the next available SAWS release.

If you have other questions regarding this letter, please contact Teresa Jones at (916) 345-8151 or by email at [Teresa.Jones@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Teresa.Jones@dhcs.ca.gov).

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