

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 20-06

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 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act Spousal Impoverishment Caps

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of an increase to the maximum income and property caps under the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act. Effective January 1, 2020, the community spouse resource allowance is \$128,640.00 and the maximum spousal income allocation/minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance is \$3,216.00 per month.

DHCS will inform counties when these amounts are updated in the forms MC 007, DHCS 7077, and DHCS 7102 via Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Phoua Moua by email at Phoua.Moua@dhcs.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 345-8064.

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