



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



GAVIN NEWSOM
GOVERNOR

Date: November 19, 2021

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 21-31
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: INCREASES TO THE ASSET LIMITS FOR NON-MODIFIED ADJUSTED
GROSS INCOME MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS

Purpose

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide counties and the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) with guidance regarding changes to the asset limits for Non-MAGI programs, including Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) and Long-Term Care (LTC) programs. These changes, effective July 1, 2022, enacted by Assembly Bill (AB) 133, (Chapter 143, Statutes of 2021), increase the asset limits for Non-MAGI programs to \$130,000 per person, and \$65,000 for each additional person (up to a maximum of 10 people). These revised asset limits supersede all previous guidance regarding asset limits for Non-MAGI Medi-Cal programs, and should be used in place of the previous limits of \$2,000 per person and \$3,000 for two people.

Background

In 2021, several health measures were consolidated in AB 133 as part of the Health Omnibus Bill of 2021-2022. This ACWDL addresses only the provisions of AB 133 that added section 14005.62 to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). WIC § 14005.62 establishes a two-phased approach to eliminating the asset limits for Non-MAGI Medi-Cal programs. The first phase, which is effective July 1, 2022, will increase the asset limits to \$130,000 person and \$65,000 for each additional household member (up to a maximum of 10 people). The second phase, effective January 1, 2024, will eliminate the asset limits for Non-MAGI programs. This ACWDL addresses only the increases in asset limits in the first phase. Additional guidance will be provided to counties regarding the elimination of the asset limits in a future ACWDL.

Policy

Effective July 1, 2022, the asset limits for Non-MAGI programs will increase to \$130,000 for one person, and \$65,000 for each additional person (up to a maximum of 10 people). Please see attached for all affected programs and asset limits by number of people being evaluated. The increased asset limits apply to Non-MAGI programs, including LTC and the MSPs as listed in the attachment below. Counties shall use the revised asset limits as of July 1, 2022. Individuals who apply for benefits in the month of June 2022 and are over the asset limit at that time shall be evaluated for eligibility for the month of July 2022 and ongoing.

System Programming

SAWS shall make programming changes to automate the new asset limits as outlined in this ACWDL by July 1, 2022. DHCS will work with SAWS to facilitate programming of these changes.

Notices

DHCS will not be creating new Notices of Action (NOAs) or NOA snippets related to this implementation. When issuing a denial or discontinuance for the Non-MAGI Programs listed in the chart below, SAWS shall utilize existing NOA snippet language. Effective July 1, 2022, SAWS shall update all NOAs with the new asset limit amounts. A list of notices which require updating will be provided to the SAWS by DHCS no later than November 30, 2021.

If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please contact Daniela Gutierrez at (916) 345-8501 or by e-mail at Daniela.Gutierrez@dhcs.ca.gov.

Original Signed By

Yingjia Huang, Acting Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Division

Non-MAGI Programs Affected by Changes to Asset Limits	
Program name	Aid code
Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD) Long-Term Care (LTC) Medically Needy (MN)	13, 23, 63, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7
Aged, Blind, Disabled Medically Needy (ABD MN)	14, 24, 64, C1, C2, C3, C4, C7, C8
Aged, Blind, Disabled Medically Needy Share of Cost (ABD MN SOC)	17, 27, 67
Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD) Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	1H, 2H, 6H, 1U, 6U
250% Working Disabled Program	6G
Severely Impaired Working Individual (SIWI)	8G
Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)	1X, 1Y
DDS Waiver	6V, 6W
Home- and Community-Based Alternative (formerly In-Home Operations (IHO)) Waiver	6X, 6Y
Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Medically Needy	34, 37, C5, C6
Medically Indigent LTC (state only)	53
Dialysis Special Treatment Program (state only)	71
Total Parenteral Nutrition (hyperalimentation) Special Treatment Program(state only)	73
Tuberculosis	7H
Medically Indigent (MI) Adults (state only)	81
Medically Indigent (MI) Children	82, 83
Medically Indigent (MI) Pregnant Women	86, 87
Inmates – All Programs	F1, F2, F3, F4, G0, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9
Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)	02
Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP)	2V, 4V, 5V, 7V
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)	80

Non-MAGI Programs Affected by Changes to Asset Limits	
Program name	Aid code
Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QWDI)	8A
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)	8C
Qualifying Individual (QI)	8D
Deactivated – Medically Needy Long-Term Care Restricted	55, 58, 5F
Pickle	16, 26, 66
Disabled Adult Child (DAC)	6A, 6C
Aid to Disabled Widow(er)s	36

Household Asset Limits for Non-MAGI Programs as of July 1, 2022	
Household size	Asset limits
1 person	\$130,000
2 people	\$195,000
3 people	\$260,000
4 people	\$325,000
5 people	\$390,000
6 people	\$455,000
7 people	\$520,000
8 people	\$585,000
9 people	\$650,000
10 people	\$715,000