

Distribution Date	May 20, 2026
To	PPOC.All, Committee.MediCal_CMSP.All
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CIT Name	List for CA-296600: 2026 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act Spousal Impoverishment Caps

PPOCs, please forward to the appropriate impacted staff in your county:

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Description	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of this CIT is to notify counties that the one-time list for 2026 LTC or HCBS with Share of Cost has been posted for CA-296600: 2026 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act Spousal Impoverishment Caps.</p> <p>The list for 2026 Denied/Discontinued LTC or HCBS for Over Resources will be provided by June 1, 2026.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>On May 18, 2026, SCR CA-296600 updated the values for the 2026 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act (MCCA) Spousal Impoverishment Caps for income and property. The values were updated as follows: effective 01/01/2026 Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) was updated to \$4,067 and the Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA) was updated to \$162,660.</p>
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Additional Information

A one-time list has been generated to assist the counties in identifying Long Term Care (LTC) and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) individuals possibly affected by the 2026 value updates of the MCCA Act Spousal Impoverishment caps. Each list contains the standard columns plus any additional columns as listed below.

The list is available on the Communication Portal under County Secured Documents for each individual county in the following location:



County Actions

Review the cases and determine if the cases should be re-evaluated with the new values. The new values were updated in CalSAWS effective 01/01/2026, therefore any EDBC's run starting with 01/2026 benefit month will apply the new amounts.

1. **List Name:** 2026 LTC or HCBS with Share of Cost

List Criteria: A list of Medi-Cal (MC) programs where an EDBC was run for the benefit month of 01/2026 through the date of implementation of this SCR, which includes an LTC budget with a share-of-cost and a spousal income allocation was performed.

Additional Column(s): Benefit Month(s)

Note: Benefit Month(s) will list each EDBC benefit month in the same row, separated by a comma. For EDBC's that span multiple months, the Begin Month will display.

2. **List Name:** 2026 Denied/Discontinued LTC or HCBS for Over Resources

List Criteria: A list of cases that have an LTC or HCBS individual who was denied or discontinued for over resources, but their CSRA was under the new value from 01/01/2026 through the date of implementation for this SCR.

Additional Column(s): Benefit Month(s)

Note: Benefit Month(s) will list each EDBC benefit month in the same row, separated by a comma. For EDBC's that span multiple months, the Begin Month will display.

Copy your Regional Manager(s) on any questions you might send to the Primary or Backup Project Contact.

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Attachments	CIT 0089-26 ACWDL 26-02.pdf
Communication Portal Link	 OR

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1. Hover over the Communications & Resources tab at the top of the page.
2. Click on the "CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT)" folder.
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