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Prior to this change, there would be a hardship imposed on beneficiaries when counties would terminate 1931(b) Medi-Cal eligibility in January because the beneficiary received the Social Security COLA and would be ineligible for 1931(b) Medi-Cal based on the prior year's FPL. Counties would restore 1931(b) benefits in April when the new and higher FPLs went into effect.

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CDHS ACWDL 00-51 -- September 27, 2000 (Synopsis): Questions and Answers Regarding the 250 Percent Program

**Questions and Answers Regarding the 250 Percent Program**

This ACWDL provides 28 answers to questions about the 250 % program for the working disabled. It clarifies that a 250% working disabled person is in his/her own MFBU except in the case of a working disabled couple who would be in one MFBU. Other family members would be in a separate MFBU.

A person eligible for the 250% working disabled program does not have status reporting requirements, (i.e., a working disabled person does not need to return a quarterly status report) but is required to report all changes (such as earnings or address changes) to the county within ten days of the change.

Examples of work are provided in this ACWDL although work is not specifically defined. Beneficiaries are considered to be working if they are receiving vacation or sick leave pay from their employer.

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CDHS ACWDL 00-49 -- September 22, 2000 (Synopsis): Informational Telephone Numbers

**Informational Telephone Numbers**

This ACWDL provides a list of toll-free telephone numbers for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The listed phone numbers include the following:

Denti-Cal 1-800-322-6384

Medi-Cal Bills (916) 636-1980

Healthy Families 1-800-880-5305

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Managed Care Enrollment/Disenrollment

1-800-430-4263

Plan Complaints

1-888-452-8609

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**Item 00-12-02E**

CDHS ACWDL 00-48 -- September 12, 2000 (Synopsis): Section 1931(b) Income Limits

**Section 1931(b) Income Limits**

There are no expected changes through the end of 2000 to 1931(b) income limits established effective March 1, 2000.

Effective March 1, 2000, there are two 1931(b) income limits. They are the "cash-based" income limit and the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income limit.

The "cash-based" income limit is used to determine 1931(b) eligibility for **recipients**. This limit (which is the applicable CalWORKs region 1 MBSAC level) is used after a \$240 + 1/2 deduction from earned income is applied.

The FPL income limit is used in two circumstances. One circumstance is to determine 1931(b) eligibility of **applicants**. The second circumstance when the FPL income limit is used is for recipients when the \$240+ 1/2 deduction was not applied.

Thus per ACWDL 00-04, effective March 1, 2000, when determining 1931(b) eligibility for applicants, compare net non-exempt income to the FPL.

When determining 1931(b) eligibility for recipients, first compute net non-exempt income by allowing applicable deductions from gross income (including the \$240 +1/2 deduction). Compare this net non-exempt income to the applicable CalWORKs region 1 MBSAC.

If the recipient does not meet 1931(b) eligibility under this test, determine the recipient's net non-exempt income by deducting \$90 from gross income. Compare this income to the applicable FPL.

If the recipient meets either of the two tests described above, such recipient(s) is eligible for 1931(b) Medi-Cal.

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