
limit is a net or gross income limit, but it is a net income limit.) A couple will have an effective income limit of \$1248 based on \$938 + a \$310 disregard.

If persons who qualify for this \$0 share of cost program have other family members who apply for Medi-Cal, the qualifying member(s) will be an ineligible member of the other family member's Medi-Cal Family Budget Unit (MFBU). The income of the qualifying member(s) will be counted as will the needs of the qualifying members in computing the share of cost for the other family members.

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CDHS ACWDL 00-56 -- November 15, 2000 (Synopsis): Personal Care Deduction for Persons in Licensed Board and Care Facilities

Personal Care Deduction for Persons in Licensed Board and Care Facilities

This ACWDL gives instructions for implementing *Petit v. Bonta*. In *Petit*, the court found that Medi-Cal needed to allow persons in licensed board and care residential facilities to apply incurred expenses to their share of cost.

Effective April 1, 2000, individuals residing in a licensed board and care facility are allowed a standard \$315 personal care services deduction in lieu of the excess maintenance need deduction provided for in §50515(a)(3). If the excess maintenance need deduction in §50515(a)(3) produces a larger deduction than \$315, and thus results in a lower share of cost, the individual is entitled to the excess maintenance need deduction.

This ACWDL also provides a draft Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual (MEPM) §12C that discusses how counties should process cases when a share of cost has been reduced retroactively. It provides several case situations and instructs counties what steps to take if the beneficiary wants future shares of cost reduced or wants reimbursement for a share of cost already paid.

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CDHS ACWDL 00-53 -- October 23, 2000 (Synopsis): Temporary Disregard of Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)

Temporary Disregard of Social Security Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)

Beginning with the January 2001 COLA, counties are not to apply the Social Security COLA to the 1931(b) program until the new FPLs are released and applied (usually April 1 of each year).

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