
Subject: January 2002 Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment Standards, Federal Benefit Rate, and Medicare Part A and B Premium and Deductible

This ACWDL advises that the 2002 Social Security COLA is 2.6%. It also provides:
2002 In-kind Support and Maintenance values
2002 SSI/SSP payment levels chart- \$750 for an individual in an independent living arrangement and \$1332 for a couple in an independent living arrangement
2002 Pickle disregard computation chart
2002 Medicare Part B premium is \$54
2002 Federal Benefit Rate is \$545 for an individual and \$817 for a couple

See also ACWDL 02-21 dated April 9, 2002 that includes Social Security Title II COLAs.

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Item 02-06-01E

CDSS ACWDL 01-63 -- November 19, 2001 -- 2002 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act (MCCA) Spousal Impoverishment CAPS

Subject: 2002 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act (MCCA) Spousal Impoverishment CAPS

Effective January 1, 2002, the Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$89,280. The Minimum Monthly Maintenance Need Allowance is \$2232.

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Item 02-06-01D

CDSS ACWDL 01-59 -- November 2, 2001 -- SSI/SSP Presumptive Disability Determinations and Continuation of Medi-Cal

Subject: SSI/SSP Presumptive Disability Determinations and Continuation of Medi-Cal

When the Social Security Administration grants presumptive disability to an SSI/SSP applicant, and then subsequently denies disability when making a formal disability determination, the applicant is entitled to receive SSI/SSP based Medi-Cal throughout the entire SSI/SSP appeals process if he/she filed a timely appeal of the disability denial.

Assume a county becomes aware that a person was granted presumptive disability by the Social Security Administration, but that the Social Security Administration subsequently determined him/her to be not disabled. If the individual appeals that denial, the county

should contact the CDHS immediately in order to determine whether SSI/SSP based Medi-Cal should be restored.

If the Social Security Administration denial decision becomes final, (i.e., when the individual chooses not to appeal to the next level or the Appeals Council renders an unfavorable decision) the individual is no longer eligible for SSI/SSP based Medi-Cal.

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Item 02-06-01C

CDSS ACWDL 01-58 -- October 30, 2001 -- Medi-Cal Coverage for Children Under the Safe Arms for Newborns Law

Reference: ACWDL 01-58 October 30, 2001

Subject: Medi-Cal Coverage for Children Under the Safe Arms for Newborns Law

Reference: Senate Bill 1368 Chapter 824, Statutes of 2000

The Safe Arms for Newborns law applies to children under 72-hours old who are voluntarily surrendered to any employee on duty at a public or private hospital emergency room or additional location designated by the county Board of Supervisors. Medi-Cal eligibility will begin on the date physical custody is surrendered and ends on the last day of the month following the month in which the infant was voluntarily surrendered.

The purpose of this new law is to ensure that health facilities that accept surrendered newborns will be reimbursed for providing care for the surrendered newborn.

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CDSS ACWDL 01-57 -- October 15, 2001 -- Changes to the Current Bridging Program

Reference: ACWDL 01-57 October 15, 2001

Subject: Changes to the Current Bridging Program