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adjustments that an individual receives in January of each year until the new FPL limits are increased in April of that year. A&D FPL income limits cannot be less than the SSI/SSP levels for an individual or a couple.

“ Health care premiums may be used as a deduction for purposes of determining eligibility for the A&D FPL except for the IHSS deduction.

“ However, a Medi-Cal beneficiary may not choose to pay his/her own Medicare Part B premium once the Part B premium buy-in starts (usually after the individual has received Medi-Cal for two months) in order to become eligible for the A&D FPL program. The DHS is participating in a Medicare Buy-In agreement and that agreement requires the department to pay the Part B premium for all cash grant and medical assistance only beneficiaries. The A&D FPL is a medical assistance only program.

“ If one member of a couple can qualify for the A&D FPL program based on income while the other member cannot, the couple may apply for the A&D FPL for only one member. The person who does not qualify for the A&D FPL may choose not to receive Medi-Cal, or to receive Medi-Cal under the medically needy (MN) program with a share of cost.

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**Item 02-11-01E**

**ACIN I-73-02 September 20, 2002 (Synopsis): Suspension of Special Circumstances Program (SCP)**

Because of a lack of funding, the SCP is suspended by operation of law for the July 2002 through July 2003 fiscal year.

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**ACIN I-72-02 September 24, 2002 (Synopsis): Rescission of Requirement to Report Vendor Payments in Food Stamps**

**Reference: 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 273.92(c); MPP §§63-502.149.2, 63-504.3, 63-505.3**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released Administrative Notice 02-32 on May 1, 2002 that rescinds the policy that requires food stamp households to report vendor payments.

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