

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS)A)
County Medical Services (CMS) Program Guide**

CMS Maintenance Need Level (MNL) Income Limit

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Background:

The maintenance need is the amount of income a person or family is allowed to keep for living expenses. This section shows the monthly Maintenance Need Levels (MNL) used to determine CMS eligibility.

Policy:

A: Determine MNL

The maximum monthly net non-exempt income for CMS is 165% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). When monthly net non-exempt income exceeds 165% FPL, the amount should be compared to the maximum amount allowed for CMS Hardship 350% FPL.

When the application date is June, workers will use the month of certification to determine which year's MNL chart to use.

Example 1	Application date is June 27, 2015. Application disposition is evaluated on July 1, 2015 and CMS is granted effective June 1, 2015. The MNL chart effective July 1, 2014 is used.
Example 2	Application date is June 27, 2015. Application disposition is evaluated on July 1, 2015 and CMS is granted effective July 1, 2015. The MNL chart effective July 1, 2015 is used.

B: MNL/FPL Income Limit Chart

(See Desk Aid 02)

Other Program Impacts:

None

References:

None

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by April 30, 2019.

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