

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
CMS Program Guide Special Notice**

<b>2020 CMS Federal Poverty Levels and Maximum Allowance Expense Increases</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Page</b>
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**Effective Date:**

July 1, 2020

**Background:**

Under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the CMS Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and the Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses (MAE) amounts are adjusted annually to allow for changes in the cost of living.

**Purpose:**

To provide staff with the 2020 FPL/MAE values, CMS Budget Worksheet CMS-38H, and Desk Aid 02.

**Policy:**

Use the increased 2020 FPL and MAE amounts when determining CMS eligibility.

**Procedure:**

The CMS Budget Worksheet CMS-38H has been updated and is available in the Electronic Forms Repository (EFR).

Desk Aid 02 – CMS Income Limit and Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses Chart has been updated and added to the Eligibility Essentials SharePoint site.

**Program Impact/s:**

Automation

AuthMed has been updated with the 2020 FPL/MAE amounts for CMS/CMS Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses and will calculate all budgeted entries.

Forms and Document Capture

The CMS Budget Worksheet CMS-38H and Desk Aid 02-CMS Income Limit and Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses Chart, have been revised to reflect the 2020 CMS Hardship Maximum Allowable Expenses. In situations where a manual budget is required, scan the completed budget into AuthMed.

**References:**

County Policy

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 07/01/2021

**Approval for Release:**



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