

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

2021 County Medical Services (CMS) Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and Maximum Allowable Expenses (MAE) Increases	Number	Page
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Effective Date:

July 1, 2021

Background:

Under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the County Medical Services (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 2021 FPL/MAE values, CMS Budget Worksheet CMS-38H, and Desk Aid 02.

Policy:

Use the increased 2021 FPL and MAE amounts when determining CMS eligibility.

Procedure:

The CMS Budget Worksheet CMS-38H has been updated and is available in the Eligibility Forms Library (EFL).

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

Program Impacts:

Automation

AuthMed has been updated with the 2021 FPL/MAE amounts for CMS/CMS Hardship MAE 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 2021 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 by 06/30/2022.

Approval for Release:

 for:

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