

County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS)
Medi-Cal Program Guide Special Notice

2022 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act Spousal Impoverishment Caps and Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA).

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Effective Date

01/01/2022

Background:

The Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) amount is used to determine if an individual who is claiming a disability and is also working has linkage to Non-Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal based on their disability. The Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA) is the amount of countable property the community spouse is allowed to retain when the institutionalized spouse applies for Medi-Cal benefits. The amounts for the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA), Community Spouse Resource Allowance (CSRA), and Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) are updated annually.

Purpose:

To provide staff with the updated SGA, CSRA, and MMMNA amounts.

Policy:

Effective January 1, 2022, the SGA, CSRA, and MMMNA amounts are as follows:

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| SGA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-Blind Individuals \$1,350• Blind Individuals \$2,260 |
| CSRA | \$137,400 |
| MMMNA | \$3,435 |

Procedure:

Use the updated CSRA and MMMNA when determining spousal impoverishment for an institutionalized individual. Use the updated SGA amount when completing an SGA determination as outlined on Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) 05.04.03.

Automation Impact:

Staff must use BEnDS 49130 Spousal Impoverishment Provisions until the CSRA and MMMNA values have been updated in CalWIN when determining spousal impoverishment.

References:

ACWDLs 21-21E, 21-34

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 01/31/2023

Approval for Release:

 for:

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