



CMSP Letter No.: 20-06  
Issue Date: November 25, 2020

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS UNDER THE LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA) AND DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (DUA) PROGRAMS

The purpose of this CMSP All County Letter (ACL) is to instruct counties about income from the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) programs as well as to remind counties about CMSP eligibility processing during the Public Health Emergency.

- **LWA Payments:** Counties should disregard the \$300 per week Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program payment benefit in both income and resource calculations for CMSP eligibility in alignment with Medi-Cal All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) 20-16. The eligibility systems were updated on November 23, 2020.
- **DUA Program Income:** Conversely, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) payments are to be fully counted in income and resource calculations for CMSP eligibility in alignment with Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) 20-28.
- **Public Health Emergency:** Please refer to CMSP ACL 20-02 about important reminders about CMSP Eligibility Procedures and CMSP ACL 20-04 about important updates regarding suspension of negative actions to CMSP cases through the end of the Public Health Emergency. Additionally, the CMSP Supplemental Application may be signed by the applicant through a Telephonic Signature Declaration in accordance with the requirements sets forth on the CMSP 216 form available on the CMSP website at <https://www.cmspcounties.org/county-forms/>.

### CMSP Eligibility Procedures

CMSP strongly encourages all counties conduct refresher trainings for eligibility staff on CMSP eligibility procedures. CMSP provides coverage to residents (documented and undocumented) of CMSP counties, 21-64 years old, with incomes up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. Rules and requirements for CMSP applications are contained within the CMSP Eligibility Manual which is available on the CMSP website at <https://www.cmspcounties.org/county-forms/#tab-id-2>. Denied Medi-Cal applicants, 21-64 years old and non-disabled, that are over income for MAGI-based Medi-Cal should be screened for CMSP eligibility and be provided the CMSP Supplemental Application, if applicable.

If you have any questions about the information presented, please contact Karalyn Foster, Eligibility Analyst at (916) 649-2631, ext. 124 or [kfoster@cmspcounties.org](mailto:kfoster@cmspcounties.org).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kari Brownstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Kari Brownstein  
Administrative Officer