

Essential Information for Medi-Cal Enrollees:

Upcoming Changes to Eligibility and Enrollment



Changes to federal laws under H.R.1 and California Budget constraints changed Medi-Cal eligibility and renewal requirements. Learn how these changes will impact Medi-Cal members across California.

State Budget Solutions

■ Asset Limit Reinstatement

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■ 6-month Eligibility

■ Work Requirements

■ Immigration

Asset Limits

Asset limits have been reinstated and determined by valuing assets owned by Medi-Cal members. As of January 2026, in order to be eligible for Medi-Cal, members are now limited to **having total assets of \$130,000 for one person and \$65,000 for each additional family member**, up to 10 people.

Starting July 1, 2027, the asset limit will be lowered to \$21,000 for one person or \$31,000 for two people, adding \$1,550 for every additional person per household, up to 10 people.

Assets that may affect eligibility

- ✓ Bank Accounts
- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Second Vehicles
- ✓ Second Homes

Assets that are not included

- ✗ Primary Residence
- ✗ Primary Vehicle
- ✗ Household Items
- ✗ Retirement Funds

Asset limits apply to

- 65 or older
- Have a disability
- Live in a nursing home
- Families that earn too much money to qualify under federal tax rules

Work Requirements

Starting in 2027, adults will need to complete one of the following, or a combination of activities, to meet new Medi-Cal work requirements:

- Earn at least \$580 each month (seasonal workers will be averaged over the last six months)
- 80 hours of monthly community service
- Go to school at least half-time, taking two or three classes or about six to eight credits each semester
- Participate in a job training program for 80 hours per month

These rules do not apply to:

- ✗ Children (0-18).
- ✗ Older Adults (65 and older).
- ✗ Pregnant people, including one year postpartum, regardless of birth outcome.
- ✗ Parents with children age 0-13.
- ✗ People with disabilities.
- ✗ People with serious health or mental health conditions or substance use problems.
- ✗ People who were released from jail or prison within the last 90 days.
- ✗ People on Medicare Part A or Part B.
- ✗ American Indians or Alaska Natives.
- ✗ Former foster youth under age 26, who were in foster care on their 18th birthday.

6-Month Eligibility Check

Beginning in 2027, Medi-Cal members aged 19-64 will have their eligibility checked every six months instead of once a year.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is updating and streamlining the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) renewal form to make it easier for Medi-Cal members to complete renewals.

Immigration Status

Starting October 1, 2026, the federal government will change how it classifies some immigration statuses.

These populations may be affected:

- ✓ Refugees or asylees who do not have a Green Card
- ✓ Humanitarian parolees
- ✓ Domestic violence or human trafficking survivors with pending status

Learn more about these changes to Medi-Cal eligibility and enrollment by visiting [Medi-CalManagedCare.org](https://www.Medi-CalManagedCare.org)