



Medi-Cal Overview & Updates

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Changes to Medi-Cal
Enrollment and
Eligibility

AGENDA

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ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

- Local public agency that serves as the regional Medi-Cal health plan in Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.
- **Vision:** Healthy people, healthy communities.
- **Mission:** Accessible, quality health care guided by local innovation.



COASTAL COUNTIES



- **Monterey:** 950 East Blanco Rd., Suite 101, Salinas
- **Member walk-in hours:** M-F 9-11:30 a.m., 2-4:30 p.m.

- **San Benito:** 1111 San Felipe Road, Suite 109, Hollister
- Public Assistance Division of the San Benito County HHSA building
- **Member walk-in hours:** M-F 8-11:45 a.m., 1-4:45 p.m. (Closed 12-1 p.m.)



- **Santa Cruz:** 1600 Green Hills Road, Suite 101, Scotts Valley
- **Member walk-in hours:** M-F 9-11:30 a.m., 2-4:30 p.m.

MEMBER BENEFITS



- Nurse Advice Line
- Behavioral Health Services
- Care Management Support
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Health Rewards
- Transportation Services
- Language Assistance Services
- Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports
- Community Health Worker Services
- Doula Services
- Vision Services
- Urgent Care

Dental services are covered by the Medi-Cal Dental Program.
Member Services: 800-700-3874



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- [Prescriptions](#)
- [Urgent Care](#)
- [Member News](#)
- [Replace ID Card](#)
- [Update Contact Info](#)

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for 'Find a Doctor', 'Nurse Line', 'Provider Portal', 'Contact Us', 'Accessibility Tools', and a language dropdown set to 'English'. A search bar is on the right. Below the navigation, the 'For Members' link is highlighted with a yellow arrow. The main banner features the Central California Alliance for Health logo and a photo of a man with a child on his shoulders. The banner text reads: 'Vaccines protect against 20+ diseases. Give your kids a healthier future. Call their doctor today!' with a 'LEARN MORE' button. Below the banner is a news section with six items:

- March 12 | PROVIDER NEWS | **Provider Digest | Issue 67**
- March 07 | PROVIDER NEWS | **The Alliance collaborates with Sprinter Health**
- March 03 | MEMBER NEWS | **March 2025 – Member Newsletter Alternative Formats**
- March 03 | MEMBER NEWS | **March 2025 – Member Newsletter**
- March 03 | PROVIDER NEWS | **March 2025 – Provider Bulletin**
- February 28 | HELLO, HEALTH! | **Flu season is here! Know where to go when you feel sick.**

At the bottom, there is a navigation bar for news categories: All News, Community News, Hello, Health!, Member News, Newsroom, and Provider News.



Changes to Medi-Cal Eligibility



The Three Drivers of Change



1) End of Federal COVID-19 Unwinding Flexibilities



2) The State Budget for FY2025-26



3) The Federal HR1 Law



Key Eligibility and Enrollment Provisions

Source	Eligibility Change	Effective Date
State Budget	Enrollment freeze for full-scope MCal for UIS for ages 19+	Jan. 1, 2026
State Budget	Reinstatement of MCal asset limit to \$130K for an individual	Jan. 1, 2026
Federal HR1	Elimination of 90-day elig while verifying immigration status	Oct. 1, 2026
Federal HR1	Redeterminations every 6 months for ME adults	Jan. 1, 2027
Federal HR1	Work requirements for ME adults 19-64 w/o dependents	Jan. 1, 2027*
Federal HR1	Retroactive coverage restricted to 1 month before application	Jan. 1, 2027
Federal HR1	Asset limit of \$1M ceiling for permissible home equity values	Jan. 1, 2027
State Budget	\$30 monthly premium for members with UIS, ages 19-59	July 1, 2027
Federal HR1	Copayments for ME adults	Jan. 1, 2028

*State option to delay implementation until Dec. 31, 2028, with Secretary approval

Enrollment Freeze

Enrollment Freeze

Starting January 1, 2026, some **adults** will no longer be able to sign up for full-scope Medi-Cal coverage based on their **immigration status**.

Adults may be affected if:

- They are undocumented (live in the U.S. without legal permission), or
- They are a lawfully present immigrant who is 21 or older and not pregnant

Individuals not subject to the Enrollment Freeze, who can continue to newly apply and enroll:

- Children under 19
- Pregnant people (through pregnancy and up to one year after it ends)

Important to Know

- Individuals who already have Medi-Cal, can stay covered no matter their immigration status.
- However, this requires that they fill out their **renewal form** on time every year and still meet the Medi-Cal rules (like income and living in California)
- More information on who may be subject to the enrollment freeze can be found at:
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-Cal/Pages/immigration-status-categories.aspx>

Immigration Status & Medi-Cal Eligibility

Immigration Status	Considered SIS	Enrollment Freeze Applies (2026)	UIS Dental Benefit Removal (2026)	UIS Monthly Premium Applies (2027)
Adults (19+), who are not pregnant, who are undocumented, without an immigration status or who are unable to verify their status (for example, undocumented Californians)	No	Yes	Yes (for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)
Asylum Applicant with Work Authorization	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)
DACA Recipients	No	No	Yes	Yes
Green Card Holders (exempt from or have met the 5-year waiting period)	Yes	No	No	No
Green Card Holders (not exempt from or have not met the 5-year waiting period)	No	No	Yes	Yes
Refugees & Asylees	Yes	No	No	No
Temporary Protected Status Holders	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)
Visitor/Student/Work Visa Holder	No (unless under 21)	Yes (if over 20)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)	Yes (only for members in full coverage Medi-Cal)

More categories and up to date information available online:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-Cal/Pages/immigration-status-categories.aspx>

Dental Coverage

Starting July 1, 2026, some **Medi-Cal members** will stop getting full-scope **dental services** of their coverage due to changes in state law.

This will impact Medi-Cal members who are:

- Are 19 years old or older, and
- Are not pregnant or postpartum, and
- Are lawfully present immigrants who:
 - Have had a Green Card for less than five years and are not exempt from the five-year waiting period.
 - Are classified of PRUCOL (Permanently Residing Under Color of Law)
 - Qualify through a state-funded expansion or a humanitarian program (e.g. for victims of trafficking or crime).
 - Have another immigration status that doesn't qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal under federal rules.

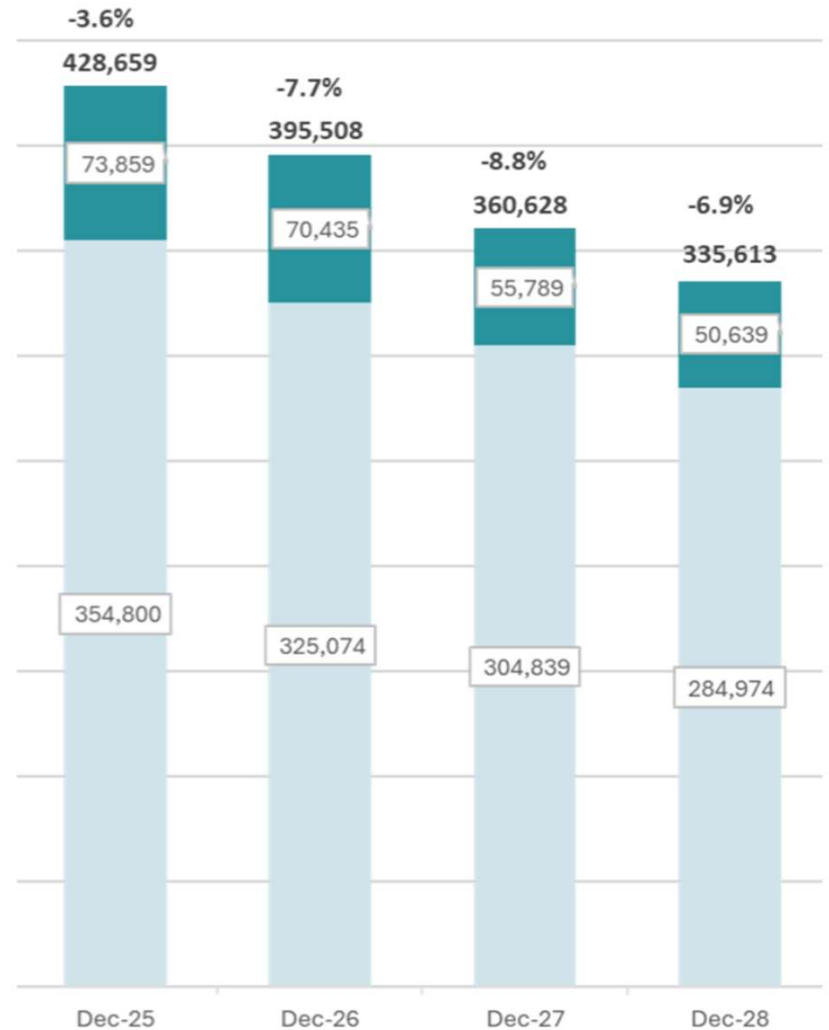
Important to Know

- Medi-Cal members who have full-scope Medi-Cal services will continue to receive full scope Medi-Cal services, except for non-emergency dental services.

Enrollment Projection

The Alliance projects a 27% decline in Medi-Cal enrollment over the next 3+ years as illustrated in the chart

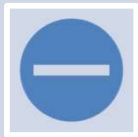
This estimate factors for the three drivers of change: federal unwinding expiration, state budget, and federal HR1



Prioritizing Enrollments and Redeterminations



Trusted partners like you play an important role in sharing the upcoming changes with our UIS population. It is important that members have the information they need to make informed decisions about their healthcare.



Timely redetermination is particularly impactful to UIS members

Immediate enrollment freeze for UIS 19+ effective 1/1/2026.



Where the Alliance is taking action

- The Alliance is meeting with local eligibility offices to understand capacity, current messaging, needs, and partnership opportunities.
- We are participating in Health Care Collaboratives to share information and to understand the landscape and community pulse.
- The Alliance is communicating with members, providers, and community partners via:
 - Redetermination texts to members
 - Newsletters
 - Outreach
 - Partnership with Community Health Workers (CHW), providers, and community-based organizations (CBOs)



Advertisements in our service area

Message: If you haven't already enrolled, changes are coming to Medi-Cal, apply before the end of 2025.



Pushed Materials

Text Messages: Reminders to members who must complete annual renewals within 45 days

Provider & Member

Newsletters: Feature articles in quarterly Member and Provider newsletters

Digital Newsletter: Feature articles in the bi-monthly “The Beat” newsletter to community members



The image shows the cover of the "Living Healthy" newsletter. At the top left is a logo of two hands holding a heart. To its right is the title "Living Healthy" in a large, teal font, with the subtitle "A newsletter for the members of Central California Alliance for Health" below it. On the top right is the Central California Alliance for Health logo, which features three stylized human figures holding hands in a circle. Below the title and subtitle is a teal horizontal bar with the text "September 2025 | VOLUME 31, ISSUE 3". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a photograph of a young boy with curly hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt and jeans, smiling broadly. The right column has the heading "WELLNESS FOR ALL" in small teal letters, followed by the main article title "Protect yourself and your family this flu season" in a larger, bold teal font. Below the title is a short paragraph about the flu season, followed by a bulleted list of groups who should get the flu vaccine. To the right of this list is another paragraph about the flu vaccine being free and easy to get, and a mention of a raffle for a \$100 Target gift card. At the bottom of the right column is a link for more information: "For more information, visit www.thealliance.health/flu". At the very bottom of the newsletter cover, there are two small logos: one for NCQA Health Plan Accredited and another for NCQA Health Equity Accredited. The Central California Alliance for Health logo is also present at the bottom right.

Living Healthy
A newsletter for the members of
Central California Alliance for Health

September 2025 | VOLUME 31, ISSUE 3

WELLNESS FOR ALL

Protect yourself and your family this flu season

Flu season is September through May. The best way to stay healthy is to get your flu vaccine early, before the flu starts to spread in your community.

The flu vaccine can help protect you from getting very sick. It's especially important for:

- Young children.
- People who are pregnant.
- People with certain chronic health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, and heart or lung disease.
- People who are ages 65 and older.

The flu vaccine is free and easy to get. Everyone ages 6 months and older can get it every year. Children can get their flu vaccine from their doctor. Adults can get it at a pharmacy. No referral is needed.

Alliance members ages 7 to 24 months who get both doses of the flu vaccine between September 2025 and May 2026 will be entered into a monthly raffle for a chance to win a **\$100 Target gift card!**

For more information, visit www.thealliance.health/flu.

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Community Events

Fairs, Festivals & Pop-Up Outreach: Alliance representatives in the communities where our members live.

Sign up for Medi-Cal *now!*

Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid health care program. It provides **no-cost or low-cost** essential medical coverage.

If you haven't enrolled in Medi-Cal, apply **before the end of 2025**. Changes to Medi-Cal are coming in **January 2026**. These changes will affect the benefits and care some people can get, especially those with certain immigration status:

Medi-Cal benefits
Medi-Cal benefits include preventative and wellness services, pediatric services, dental and vision services, maternity care, prescription drugs

¿Inscríbese en Medi-Cal *ahora!*

Medi-Cal es el programa de cuidado de salud de Medicaid de California. Proporciona cobertura médica esencial **gratuita o de bajo costo**.

Si aún no se ha inscrito en Medi-Cal, presente su solicitud antes de que **termine 2025**. Habrá cambios en Medi-Cal en **enero de 2026**. Estos cambios afectarán los beneficios y el cuidado que pueden recibir algunas personas, especialmente aquellas con cierto estatus migratorio.

Beneficios de Medi-Cal
Los beneficios de Medi-Cal incluyen servicios preventivos y de bienestar, servicios pediátricos, servicios dentales y de cuidado de la vista, cuidado de maternidad, medicinas recetadas y servicios de emergencia.

¿Soy elegible para Medi-Cal?
¡Descubra si podría calificar!



Medi-Cal Program Changes 2026-2027: What Medi-Cal Members Need to Know



For more information, visit thealliance.health/mc-changes/ or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code.

Cambios en el Programa de Medi-Cal 2026-2027: Lo Que los Miembros de Medi-Cal Deben Saber



Para obtener más información, visite thealliance.health/es/mc-changes/ o use la cámara de su teléfono inteligente para escanear el código QR.

Cómo presentar una solicitud

Presente su solicitud en línea
Presente su solicitud en www.benefitscal.com.

Comuníquese con la oficina de Medi-Cal de su condado
Comuníquese con la oficina local de su condado para presentar su solicitud por correo, por teléfono o en persona:

<p>Condado de Mariposa Agencia de Salud y Servicios Humanos 209-966-2000 800-266-3609</p>	<p>Condado de Monterey Departamento de Servicios Sociales 877-410-8823</p>	<p>Condado de Santa Cruz Departamento de Servicios Humanos 888-421-8080</p>
<p>Condado de Merced Agencia de Servicios Humanos 209-385-3000 855-421-6770</p>	<p>Condado de San Benito Agencia de Salud y Servicios Humanos, Asistencia Pública 831-636-4180</p>	

Call to Action

- Our collective efforts are critical to communicate redeterminations to members.
- Opportunities for partnership
 - Share resources with members/your clients
 - Maintain Alliance fliers in your offices, host pop-ups, support redetermination applications
 - **Schedule a pop-up or outreach opportunity with our outreach team. Contact Gabriela at gchavez@thealliance.health for more information**



Resources

- DHCS Medi-Cal Changes & What Medi-Cal Members Need to Know
 - <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-Cal/Pages/changes.aspx>
- Alliance Medi-Cal Changes Page
 - <https://thealliance.health/medi-cal-changes/>
- The Beat
 - <https://thealliance.health/tag/the-beat/>
- DHCS Immigration Status Categories
 - [Immigration Status Categories](#)
- www.thealliance.health



Questions?

