

Medi-Cal Base Policy Changes

The Medi-Cal base estimate consists of projections of expenditures based on recent trends of actual data. The base estimate does not include the impact of future program changes, which are added to the base estimate through regular policy changes as displayed in the Regular Policy Change section.

The base estimate consists of two types. The first type, the Fee-for-Service Base Estimate, is described and summarized in the previous section (FFS Base).

The second type of base estimate, which had traditionally been called the Non-Fee-for-Service (Non-FFS) Base Estimate, is displayed in this section. Because some of these base estimates include services paid on a fee-for-service basis, that name is technically not correct. As a result, this second type of base estimate will be called Base Policy Changes because as in the past they are entered into the Medi-Cal Estimate and displayed using the policy change format. These Base Policy Changes form the base estimates for the last 12 service categories (Managed Care through Recoveries) as displayed in most tables throughout this binder and listed below. The data used for these projections come from a variety of sources, such as other claims processing systems, managed care enrollments, and other payment data. Also, some of the projections in this group come directly from other State departments.

Because this is a new section for the May 2006 Medi-Cal Estimate, the Appropriation and Nov. 2005 columns in some of the comparison tables show a zero amount for some of these Base Policy Changes. Those Base Policy Changes were categorized as Regular Policy Changes in previous Medi-Cal Estimates and appear in the Regular Policy Change comparison tables in this estimate. This transition problem will be corrected in the November 2006 Medi-Cal Estimate.

Base Policy Change Service Categories:

Two Plan Model
County Organized Health Systems
Geographic Managed Care
PHP & Other Managed Care (Other M/C)
Dental
Mental Health
Audits/Lawsuits
EPSDT Screens
Medicare Payments
State Hospital/Developmental Centers
Miscellaneous Services (Misc. Svcs.)
Recoveries