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AB 82 Comm on Budget Ch. 23	Compassionate release and medical probation program	SEC. 3-5. These sections clarify notification and county fiscal responsibilities related to the compassionate release and medical probation programs. SEC 3 – Government Code (GC) Section 26605.6 SEC 4 – GC Section 26605.7 SEC 5 – GC Section 26605.8 GC Section 26605.6 (h) and GC Section 26605.7 (g) require DHCS to adopt regulations and submit an annual report to the Legislature until those regulations are adopted.	No interim instructions issued. Status of required regulations: Pending policy development.	Dates:
ABx1 1 Perez Ch. 3	Medi-Cal Eligibility	The following sections provide authority for all- county letters, plan letters, plan or provider bulletins, or similar instructions until the time regulations are adopted. Thereafter, DHCS is required to adopt regulations, and beginning six months after the effective date of the section, DHCS is required to provide a status report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted. SEC 9 – Welfare & Institutions Code Section 14005.60 (d) SEC 11 – W&I Code Section 14005.64 (f) SEC 15 – W&I Code Section 14013.3 (g) SEC 16 – W&I Code Section 14015.5 (e) SEC 17 – W&I Code Section 14015.7 (d) SEC 24 – W&I Code Section 14102.5 (d)	Issued All County & Welfare Directors Letters (ACWDLs)*: 14-01 14-03 14-03E 14-05 14-11 14-15 14-16 14-18 14-21 14-27 14-29 14-29E 14-32 14-33 14-35	Dates: 1-9-14 2-10-14 3-4-14 2-20-14 3-19-14 3-28-14 4-1-14 4-8-14 4-25-14 6-16-14 8-8-14 8-21-14 9-19-14 9-19-14 9-29-14

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			14-38 Issued Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letters (MEDILs)**:	10-23-14
			14-06	1-17-14
			14-08	1-21-14
			14-09	1-23-14
			14-10	1-24-14
			14-11	1-31-14
			14-13	2-7-14
			14-14	2-18-14
			14-16	2-26-14
			14-17	3-3-14
			14-18	3-6-14
			14-19	3-17-14
			14-20	3-18-14
			14-21	3-25-14
			14-23	4-24-14
			14-25	5-7-14
			14-26	5-7-14
			14-27	5-15-14
			14-29	5-16-14
			14-30	5-22-14
			14-31	6-4-14
			14-33	6-12-14
			14-33E	6-28-14
			14-36	7-8-14
			14-41	7-21-14
			14-42	7-25-14

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			14-44 14-45 14-54 14-55 14-55E 14-56 14-58 Status of required regulations: Under development.	8-1-14 8-6-14 11-5-14 11-14-14 11-18-14 11-21-14 11-26-14

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SB 28 Steinberg & Hernandez Ch. 442	Medi-Cal Eligibility	<p>The following sections provide authority for all-county letters, plan letters, plan or provider bulletins, or similar instructions until the time regulations are adopted. Thereafter, DHCS is required to adopt regulations by July 1, 2017, and beginning six months after the effective date of the section, DHCS is required to provide a status report to the Legislature on a semi-annual basis until regulation have been adopted.</p> <p>SEC 3 – W&I Code Section 14005.28 (b) SEC 4 – W&I Code Section 14005.30 (f) SEC 6 - W&I Code Section 14005.37 (v) SEC 7 – W&I Code Section 14005.39 (c) SEC 9 – W&I Code Section 14011.66 (f) SEC 10 – W&I Code Section 14015.8 (b) SEC 12 - W&I Code Section 14102 (f) SEC 13 – W&I Code Section 14132.02 (e) SEC 14 – W&I Code Section 14154 (a)(6)(G) - requires the semi-annual status reports to begin six months after implementation of the new budgeting methodology until regulations are developed by the July 1, 2017 due date.</p>	Issued ACWDLs*: 14-14 14-22 14-27 14-28 14-31 14-35 Status of required regulations: Under development.	Dates: 3-27-14 4-25-14 6-16-14 7-7-14 9-11-14 9-29-14

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SBx1 1 Hernandez Ch. 4	Medi-Cal Eligibility	<p>The following sections provide authority for all-county letters, plan letters, plan or provider bulletins, or similar instructions until the time regulations are adopted. Thereafter, DHCS is required to adopt regulations, and beginning six months after the effective date of the section, DHCS is required to provide a status report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until regulation have been adopted.</p> <p>SEC 7 – W&I Code Section 14005.31 (d) SEC 9 – W&I Code Section 14005.32 (d)</p>	<p>Issued ACWDLs*: 14-06 14-06E 14-14 14-24 14-41</p> <p>MEDILs* 14-02 14-04 14-05 14-18 14-32 14-43 14-48 14-57</p> <p>Status of required regulations: Under development.</p>	<p>2-21-14 5-7-14 3-27-14 5-6-14 12-4-14</p> <p>1-9-14 1-15-14 1-17-14 3-6-14 6-11-14 7-30-14 10-1-14 11-26-14</p>

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<p>AB 617 Nazarian Ch. 869</p>	<p>California Health Benefit Exchange: appeals.</p>	<p>SEC 7 – W&I Code Section 10950</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHCS, Covered California and DSS shall implement a process to receive state fair hearing requests for health subsidy programs in electronic form and provides for communication with applicants/beneficiaries through commonly available electronic means. DHCS is to provide a semi-annual status report to the legislature starting July 1, 2015, until regulations are adopted. DHCS shall adopt regulations by July 1, 2017. 	<p>No interim instructions issued.</p> <p>Status of required regulations: Under development.</p>	<p>Dates:</p>
<p>SB 857 Comm on Budget and Fiscal Review Ch. 31</p>	<p>Full Scope Medi-Cal Coverage and Affordability and Benefit Program for Low-Income Pregnant Women</p>	<p>SEC. 46 - WIC Section 14005.22 (c) Requires a pregnant woman meeting specified eligibility criteria to enroll in an MCP in those counties that have an MCP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All county, all plan letter or provider bulletin to implement until regulations are adopted. Adopt regulations by July 1, 2017. Six months following effective date of the Section (i.e., 12/20/14) status report to Legislature on semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted. <p>SEC. 47 - WIC Section 14005.225 (c) Seek SPA or federal waiver to provide coverage to women whose income is above 109 and up to and including 138 percent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All county, all plan letter or provider bulletin to 	<p>No interim instructions issued.</p> <p>Status of required regulations: Pending policy development.</p> <p>An ACWDL will be developed once income change is incorporated into CalHEERS.</p>	<p>Dates:</p> <p>Dates:</p>

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	Pregnancy Wrap	<p>implement until regulations are adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt regulations by July 1, 2017. • Six months following effective date of Section (i.e., 12/20/14) report to Legislature on semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted. <p>SEC. 54 - WIC Section 14148.65 (g)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All county, all plan letter or provider bulletin to implement until regulations are adopted. • Adopt regulations by July 1, 2017. • Six months following effective date of the section (i.e., 12/20/14) report to Legislature on semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted. 	<p>Status of required regulations: Under development.</p> <p>Informational MEDIL 14-43 Issued. The requirements for paying premiums for cost-sharing for pregnant women are under review pending federal guidance. No interim guidance has been released.</p> <p>Status of required regulations: Pending policy development.</p>	Date: 7-30-14
	Pregnancy Wrap	<p>SEC. 55 - WIC Section 14148.67 (f)</p> <p>Specifies requirements for paying premiums and cost-sharing payments for qualified pregnant women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All county, all plan letter or provider bulletin to implement until regulations are adopted. • Adopt regulations by July 1, 2017. 	<p>No interim instructions issued.</p> <p>Status of required regulations: Pending policy development.</p>	Dates:

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	<p>County Health Initiative Matching Fund</p> <p>Managed Risk Medical Insurance Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six months following effective date of Section (i.e., 12/20/14) provide a status report to Legislature on semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted. <p>SEC. 89 – WIC subsection 15858(a)(2)(B) was added to require DHCS, <u>if</u> issuance of rules or regulations, federal waivers or state plan amendments are necessary to administer the provisions of the chapter, to do so by means of all-county letters, plan letters, plan or provider bulletins or similar instructions until the time regulations are adopted. If regulations are necessary, beginning six months following the effective date of the Chapter (i.e., 12/20/14), DHCS shall report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until the regulations have been adopted.</p> <p>Sec. 90 – WIC Section 15873 (h) was added to require DHCS, <u>if</u> issuance of rules or regulations, federal waivers or state plan amendments are necessary to administer the provisions of the chapter, to do so by means of all-county letters, plan letters, plan or provider bulletins or similar instructions until the time regulations are adopted. If regulations are necessary, beginning six months following the effective date of the Chapter (i.e., 12/20/14),</p>	<p>No interim instructions issued.</p> <p>Status of required regulations: Pending policy development.</p> <p>No interim instructions issued.</p> <p>Status of required regulations: Pending policy development.</p>	<p>Dates:</p> <p>Dates:</p>

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		<p>necessary SPAs or waivers to implement the section. DHCS shall make any SPAs or waiver request public at least 30 days prior to submission to CMS and will work with stakeholders to address the public comments in the SPA or waiver request.</p>	<p>develop regulations upon SPA approval.</p>	

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