

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS (CCT) MEDI-CAL SHARE of COST (SOC) GUIDANCE

Share of Cost (SOC) is the amount of health care costs a Medi-Cal member must incur before Medi-Cal will pay for medically-necessary goods and services.

A member's SOC is based on their monthly family income, and is the amount of countable income he/she receives above the Maintenance Need Level (MNL). Members who do not receive a monthly family income above the MNL do not have a SOC.

Members with SOCs are only required to pay their SOC in those months in which health care services are needed. Once a member meets his/her SOC, Medi-Cal pays for all remaining health care costs for the month. The share of cost requirement is reset at the beginning of each month.

Individuals, who apply to enroll in California Community Transitions (CCT), are required to be receiving benefits for inpatient services furnished by a qualified inpatient facility, for at least 90 days, with one day paid by Medi-Cal.

Under Medi-Cal, a resident living in a Medi-Cal certified inpatient facility pays their SOC to the facility and Medi-Cal pays the difference between the member's SOC and the daily rate of reimbursement. When an individual transitions to the community his/her SOC is recalculated because his/her MNL changed to reflect the cost of receiving care services and supports in the community.

For example:

- ✓ An individual with a SOC of \$800 in the inpatient facility may find his/her SOC reduced to zero (\$0) when (s)he returns to community living.
- ✓ An individual with a SOC between \$800 and \$1,200 in the inpatient facility may find his/her SOC reduced to a couple hundred dollars when (s)he returns to community living. What's more, a member's SOC may be reduced further if (s)he incurs other types of monthly expenses such as dental insurance and burial insurance, etc.
- ✓ An individual with a SOC **over** \$1,200 in the inpatient facility, will likely find his/her SOC reduced when (s)he returns to community living; however, (s)he will still be responsible for paying his/her SOC based on the amount of countable income he/she receives above the MNL.

Individuals with higher SOC in the facility need to be educated about SOC responsibilities, and of the amount for which they will still be responsible in community.

CCT Transition Coordinators will need to work with their members, and the members' Medi-Cal caseworkers, to obtain cost estimates for home and community based (HCB) long-term services and supports (LTSS) required to remain in the community, **as well as** the estimated SOC for which the member will be responsible.

Estimated SOC responsibilities **must** be included in the Final-Transition and Care Plan signed by the member, and submitted to the CCT Lead Organization's (LO's) assigned state Nurse.

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