

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PROPOSED TRAILER BILL LEGISLATION

Premium Increase for Individuals with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status

FACT SHEET

Issue Title: Premium Increase for Individuals with Unsatisfactory Immigration

Status. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) proposes to increase monthly premiums for individuals who are 19 years of age and older, non-pregnant, not in foster care or a former foster youth and are enrolled in state-only full scope Medi-Cal (without dental) with unsatisfactory immigration status from \$30 per member to \$50 per member, no sooner than July 1, 2027. These changes shall be implemented after the Director of DHCS determines that systems have been programmed for implementation.

Background: Under federal Medicaid law, federal financial participation is limited to emergency and pregnancy-related services for individuals who do not have satisfactory immigration status. Historically, California has covered certain populations that do not have satisfactory immigration status in state-only full scope Medi-Cal, including qualified non-citizens who have not met the five-year bar established by the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act that restricts qualified non-citizen immigrants from receiving certain federal benefits, and individuals claiming Permanent Residence Under the Color of Law (PRUCOL). Over the last decade, California has expanded state-only full scope Medi-Cal to individuals of all ages regardless of immigration status. The Budget Act of 2025 included thirty dollar (\$30) monthly premiums on UIS individuals that are 19 years of age and older, non-pregnant, and not in foster care or a former foster youth, no sooner than July 1, 2027.

Justification for the Change: To help address the State's budget shortfall, DHCS is proposing trailer bill language that would increase monthly premiums from \$30 to \$50 per member for individuals who are 19 years of age and older, non-pregnant, not in foster care or a former foster youth and are enrolled in state-only full scope Medi-Cal (without dental) with unsatisfactory immigration status no sooner than July 1, 2027. (Welfare & Institutions Code, Sections 14007.5(e)(2) and 14007.8(j)(2))



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