



Medi-Cal

10 REASONS WHY **MEDI-CAL** MATTERS

1.

MEDI-CAL COVERS MORE THAN

14 MILLION =

**1/3 OF CALIFORNIA'S
POPULATION**



2.

**OUR FOCUS:
WHOLE-PERSON
CARE**



3.

MEDI-CAL SUPPORTS

**40% OF BIRTHS
IN CALIFORNIA**



4.

MEDI-CAL PROVIDES
**5.5+ MILLION
CHILDREN WITH CARE**

5.

NEARLY 60%

OF MEDI-CAL MEMBERS ARE
WORKING ADULTS WITHOUT
JOB-BASED INSURANCE



6.

MEDI-CAL HELPS

**RURAL
COMMUNITIES
THRIVE**



7.

MEDI-CAL COVERS

2.3 MILLION

OLDER CALIFORNIANS &
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



8.

MEDI-CAL SUPPORTS NEARLY
**45K VETERANS
IN CALIFORNIA**



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MEDI-CAL PROVIDES

**KEY MENTAL
HEALTH SUPPORT**



10.

**MEDI-CAL
IS VITAL TO
CALIFORNIA'S
ECONOMY**



MEDI-CAL MATTERS FOR MORE THAN 14 MILLION CALIFORNIANS

1. Medi-Cal covers one in three Californians.

Medi-Cal ensures access to quality, equitable health care for more than 14 million members, including children, older adults, low-income families, and people with disabilities. This improves health outcomes for more than a third of the state's population.

2. Medi-Cal provides access to primary, preventive, and specialist care—reducing emergency room visits.

Medi-Cal focuses on proactive, whole-person care by offering regular screenings for chronic conditions and personalized care coordination for high-risk individuals, helping to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and lower health care costs. Millions of Medi-Cal members get regular screenings for chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure and diabetes, each year.

3. Medi-Cal supports pregnant individuals and parents.

Medi-Cal plays a vital role in ensuring pregnant individuals and new parents receive the care they need during critical stages of development and childbirth, improving overall health outcomes for families. Medi-Cal covers prenatal care, labor and delivery, postpartum care, and newborn care. This coverage aims to improve maternal and infant health outcomes, including reducing maternal morbidity and mortality.

4. Medi-Cal helps children stay healthy and thrive.

Medi-Cal provides more than 5.5 million children in California with regular well-child visits, immunizations, dental, and mental health care. Children have access to screenings for developmental delays, vision, hearing, and speech problems, which are critical for early intervention.

5. Medi-Cal supports working adults.

Many Medi-Cal members are working adults without access to employer-sponsored health insurance. Medi-Cal ensures they can access affordable care when and where they need it most. The 250% Working Disabled Program allows certain working disabled individuals to become eligible for Medi-Cal by paying low monthly premiums.

6. Medi-Cal is essential in supporting the health needs of rural communities.

Nearly half of California's rural residents are enrolled in Medi-Cal. By providing access to affordable health care, Medi-Cal ensures individuals in rural areas, who often face challenges, such as limited health care facilities and resources, can receive the quality, equitable care they need.

7. Medi-Cal is a lifeline for older Californians and people with disabilities.

Medi-Cal covers 2.3 million older Californians and people with disabilities. Of those members, 151,000 access long-term care services, including nursing home care, home care services, and rehabilitation, allowing members to live independently, safely, and with dignity.

8. Medi-Cal supports California veterans.

Medi-Cal partners with CalVet to ensure nearly 45,000 veterans, active-duty military members, and their families receive essential care, including mental health services, long-term care, and preventive health screenings. This helps address health issues common among veterans, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, chronic illnesses, and disabilities related to their service.

9. Medi-Cal offers access to mental health and substance use disorder services.

Nearly one-third of Medi-Cal members have a diagnosed mental illness. One of the largest publicly funded behavioral health programs in the nation, Medi-Cal offers a range of evidence-based treatments, including therapy, medication management, and crisis care, as well as innovative approaches like contingency management and culturally competent care with natural healers. By expanding these services to schools and ensuring comprehensive care, Medi-Cal strengthens communities and supports Californians' overall well-being.

10. Medi-Cal is vital to California's economy.

Medi-Cal funding supports jobs across California, including doctors, nurses, technicians, pharmacists, and administrative staff, as well as hospitals and clinics, contributing to California's expansive health care sector and the broader economy. In times of personal or economic crisis, such as job loss, disability, or natural disasters, Medi-Cal serves as a safety net.