



Young Adult Full Scope Expansion

Full Scope Medi-Cal for Young Adults Under Age 26

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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division
Managed Care Operations Division



Overview



- Senate Bill (SB) 104, enacted the Young Adult Expansion, which provides full scope Medi-Cal benefits for individuals ages 19 through 25, inclusive, who do not have satisfactory immigration status, or who are unable to verify citizenship, but meet all other eligibility requirements for the Medi-Cal program.
- The Young Adult Expansion implementation is modeled after the implementation of SB 75 (Chapter 18, Statutes 2015) as amended by SB 4 (Chapter 709, Statutes 2015) which provided full scope Medi-Cal to eligible children under the age of 19, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.



System Readiness

Subject to approval of systems readiness:

- The California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS) and the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) will implement the system functionality to determine full scope Medi-Cal eligibility for the Young Adult Expansion population on **January 1, 2020**.
- The SAWS will initiate a batch process, beginning **November 22, 2019**, to transition Young Adult Expansion eligible individuals from restricted scope Medi-Cal to full scope Medi-Cal effective **January 1, 2020**.



Populations Impacted

- **New enrollee population** – Includes individuals ages 19 through 25, inclusive, who are eligible for Medi-Cal, do not have satisfactory immigration status for full scope Medi-Cal, (or are unable to verify citizenship) and are not yet enrolled in Medi-Cal.
- **Transition population** – Includes individuals 19 through 25, inclusive, who are currently enrolled in restricted scope Medi-Cal.

➤ **SB 75 Turning 19**

➤ **Lawfully Present Immigrants**





Age Policy:

New Enrollee & Transition Populations

- Individuals who turn 26 **between** January 2, 2020 and January 31, 2020 are considered 25 for the entire month of January and will be eligible for full scope Medi-Cal under the Young Adult Expansion for January 2020.
- Individuals who turn age 26 **on** January 1, 2020 are considered to be 26 for the entire month of January 2020 and will not be eligible for full scope Medi-Cal under the Young Adult Expansion.



Retroactive Medi-Cal Eligibility

New enrollees can request retroactive Medi-Cal benefits for up to three months prior to the month of application.

- **Restricted scope** retroactive Medi-Cal benefits will be available for the months prior to the Young Adult Expansion implementation.
- **Full scope** retroactive Medi-Cal benefits will be available beginning the month of the Young Adult Expansion implementation, **January 1, 2020**.





Aid Codes

- The Young Adult Expansion does not implement new aid codes.
- Individuals who qualify for Medi-Cal benefits under the Young Adult Expansion will be placed into the appropriate existing full scope MAGI and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal aid codes.





Transition Monitoring

- After SAWS completes the batch process, DHCS will have information to identify the young adult population that will transition into full scope Medi-Cal effective **January 1, 2020**.
- DHCS will also identify any young adults in restricted scope aid codes that the batch process did not include in the transition population and will provide counties with Exception Eligible reports.





Age Out Process

- SAWS will run monthly batch processes to identify Young Adult Expansion beneficiaries in full scope aid codes who are approaching their 26th birthday to ensure that they are evaluated for ongoing eligibility.
- A MEDS Renewal Alert will be generated when a Young Adult Expansion beneficiary is 25 years and 9 months of age and requires an ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility determination.



Notices



- DHCS has developed three notices with frequently asked questions (FAQs) that will be translated into the Medi-Cal threshold languages.
 - First Notice (General Information Notice)
 - Second Notice (Notice of Action/NOA Snippets)
 - Third Notice (Managed Care Enrollment Notice)
- The Young Adult Expansion individual will receive the translation that corresponds with the written language indicated on their MEDS record.



First Notice

General Information Notice

- Outreach notice with general information about the Young Adult Expansion for transitioning beneficiaries and new enrollees.
- DHCS will send this notice and FAQs to Young Adult Expansion transitioning individuals.
 - After September renewal, DHCS will identify active restricted scope Young Adult Expansion transition individuals in MEDS and will send the First Notice to them.
- For individuals who apply for Medi-Cal after the September renewal, counties will include the First Notice in the materials provided at application.



Second Notice

Notice of Action (NOA) Snippets

DHCS has developed new MAGI and Non-MAGI NOA snippets for the Young Adult Expansion. SAWS will program the snippets in all Medi-Cal threshold languages.

New Enrollees

- When an application is submitted and a Medi-Cal determination is made, SAWS will generate and send out a NOA with the appropriate snippet.

Transition Population

- Once the transition from restricted scope to full scope Medi-Cal has occurred, SAWS will generate and send out a NOA with the appropriate snippet notifying the beneficiary of the benefit increase to full scope Medi-Cal.



Third Notice

Managed Care Enrollment Notice for County Organized Health System (COHS) and Non-COHS counties.

- Individuals in COHS counties will receive an enrollment notice that provides their assigned Medi-Cal health plan information and benefit information.
- Individuals in Non-COHS counties will receive an enrollment notice that provides information about selecting a Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan, Medi-Cal Choice Packets, and benefit information.
 - Notifies individuals that if they do not select a Medi-Cal Health Plan by the populated date, they will be enrolled in the Medi-Cal Health Plan shown on the notice on March 1, 2020.



Medi-Cal Managed Care

Enrollment Process for COHS Counties

- The transitioned beneficiaries in COHS counties will receive full scope Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal for January 2020.
- Young Adult Expansion individuals will be enrolled in their county's COHS plan beginning February 2020.
- Their assigned COHS plan will send the individual a Welcome Packet within a week of enrollment.



Medi-Cal Managed Care

Enrollment Process for Non-COHS Counties

- Beginning January 2020, Medi-Cal Choice Packets will be sent to Young Adult Expansion transition beneficiaries living in Non-COHS counties.
- The transitioned beneficiaries in Non-COHS counties will receive full scope Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal for January 2020.
- If individuals do not make a plan selection by the date listed in the Enrollment Notice, they will be enrolled in the Medi-Cal Health Plan listed in their Enrollment Notice no sooner than March 1, 2020.
- Transition beneficiaries in Non-COHS counties who will turn age 26 within six months after implementation, will be enrolled into FFS Medi-Cal and will not be required to enroll in a Medi-Cal Health Plan.



Timeline at a Glance

October 1, 2019

- DHCS identified the transition population for the First Notice (General Information Notice) mailing.

November 2019

- DHCS will mail the First Notice with FAQs to transitioning beneficiaries prior to the SAWS batch process.
- 11/22/19: The SAWS batch process to transition Young Adult Expansion beneficiaries to full scope Medi-Cal begins.
- 11/23/19 – 11/30/19: The Batch process will trigger the Second Notice (Notice of Action/NOA) for the transition population.

December 2019

- DHCS will work with counties to ensure all Young Adult Expansion individuals will have full scope Medi-Cal at program implementation.



Timeline at a Glance

January 2020

- 1/1/20: GO LIVE – Young Adult Expansion Implementation.
- 1/2/20 – 1/3/20: DHCS will send the Third Notice (Managed Care Enrollment Notice) with FAQs to the transitioning beneficiaries in COHS counties.
- 1/7/20 – 1/8/20: DHCS will send the Medi-Cal Choice Packets, to the transitioning beneficiaries in Non-COHS counties.
- 1/13/20 – 1/15/20: DHCS will send the Third Notice (Managed Care Enrollment Notice) with FAQ's to the transitioning beneficiaries in Non-COHS counties.

February 2020

- 2/1/20: COHS Managed Care Effectuation.

March 2020

- 3/1/20: Non-COHS Managed Care Default date.



Application Scenarios

The following scenarios assume all eligibility requirements are met.



Scenario #1

A 23 year old, without satisfactory immigration status, applies for Medi-Cal at their local county office on October 15, 2019.

- They are determined eligible for restricted scope Medi-Cal due to their immigration status and will be granted restricted scope Medi-Cal effective October 1.
- The county will provide the first Young Adult Expansion First Notice which will inform them about the upcoming transition to full scope Medi-Cal.
- They will be included in the SAWS batch on November 22, 2019 to transition Young Adult Expansion beneficiaries to full scope Medi-Cal on January 1, 2020.
- The Young Adult Expansion Managed Care Enrollment Process applies to this beneficiary.



Scenario #2

A 22 year old, without satisfactory immigration status, applies for Medi-Cal through CalHEERS on December 10, 2019.

- They are determined eligible for restricted scope Medi-Cal due to their immigration status and will be granted restricted scope Medi-Cal beginning in December. The county will provide the First Notice.
- Because they applied after CalHEERS and SAWS implemented the Young Adult Expansion system changes, they will be granted full scope Medi-Cal beginning on January 1, 2020.
- The Young Adult Expansion Managed Care Enrollment Process applies to this beneficiary.



Scenario #3

An SB 75 beneficiary turns 19 on November 15, 2019.

- They are eligible for full scope Medi-Cal under SB 75 for November.
- They are determined eligible for restricted scope Medi-Cal beginning in December. The county will provide the First Notice.
- The SAWS batch process in December will transition the beneficiary into full scope Medi-Cal effective on January 1, 2020.
- The Young Adult Expansion Managed Care Enrollment Process applies to this beneficiary.



Scenario #4

A 24 year old, without satisfactory immigration status, applies for Medi-Cal by phone on January 5, 2020.

- They are determined eligible for full scope Medi-Cal beginning January 1, 2020.
- The regular Managed Care Enrollment Process applies to this beneficiary.



Young Adult Expansion Contact Information

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For More Information

- DHCS Young Adult Expansion web page includes links to publications and information including FAQs: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/YoungAdultExp.aspx>
- Comprehensive list of Medi-Cal benefits: [https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Medi Cal_EHB_Benefits.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Medi%20Cal_EHB_Benefits.aspx)
- Medi-Cal Transportation Services: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Transportation.aspx>
- Medi-Cal Managed Care: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Medi-CalManagedCare.aspx>
- Medi-Cal Dental Program, Smile, California: <http://smilecalifornia.org/>