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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: 20-35

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: Outreach Materials for Individuals Potentially Impacted by the Aged, Blind and Disabled Federal Poverty Level Program Expansion

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to inform counties that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is mailing the enclosed outreach letter to individuals who may be impacted by the Aged, Blind and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (ABD FPL) Program Expansion. The scheduled mailing date is November 23, 2020.

The populations potentially impacted by this program expansion are individuals and couples currently enrolled in the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program and some beneficiaries in the ABD FPL program who currently have a deduction for health insurance premiums besides Medicare.

The enclosed letter informs these individuals that they may qualify for free Medi-Cal due to the ABD FPL Program Expansion, which will be implemented on December 1, 2020. The letter invites those who believe they may be eligible for the ABD FPL program under the new rules to contact their county to request a reevaluation. Additional information regarding the program expansion is located in [ACWDL 20-24](#).

If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact Daniela Gutierrez at 916-345-8501 or [Daniela.Gutierrez@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Daniela.Gutierrez@dhcs.ca.gov).

Original Signed By,

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## **Aged, Blind, and Disabled Federal Poverty Level Program Expansion**

### **Important news about your health coverage**

Dear Beneficiary:

### **You may be eligible for free Medi-Cal!**

Two new California laws passed. One raises the income limit for the Aged Blind & Disabled Federal Poverty Level (ABD FPL) program. The other stops some people from losing eligibility for the ABD FPL program when the state starts to pay the person's Medicare Part B premiums. Some people who did not qualify before can get free Medi-Cal starting **December 1, 2020**.

The new monthly income limit is at or below \$1,488 for one person, or \$2,003 for a couple, after you subtract certain expenses. You can subtract health insurance premiums, including Medicare Part B premiums, at least half your earned income, and some work expenses.

If you meet the new income limit, you may be eligible for free Medi-Cal if you now pay:

- A monthly premium for the 250 Percent Working Disabled program, **or**
- A premium for other health care coverage.

You may also be eligible if you joined the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program to avoid having a share of cost.

### **If you think you may be eligible for free Medi-Cal, call your county.**

To learn more about Medi-Cal and how the ABD FPL program expansion might affect you, call your county. There is a list of county offices and numbers with this letter.

For general questions, call the toll-free Medi-Cal Helpline at **1-800-541-5555** (TTY 1-800-430-7077). The Helpline has free interpreter services.

You may also email questions to the Department of Health Care Services at [ABDexpansion@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:ABDexpansion@dhcs.ca.gov).

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Services