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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 23-23

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

SUBJECT: Updates on Senate Bill (SB) 260
(References All County Welfare Directors Letters: [22-01](#), [22-18](#), [22-20](#),
and Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Letters [I 22-33](#) and [I 23-02](#))

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to provide counties with updates on:

- the release of the snippet language in MC 239 Over Income and Not Otherwise Medi-Cal Eligible Discontinuance Notice of Action (NOA) as outlined in All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) [22-01](#); and
- Senate Bill (SB) 260 functionality in the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) as outlined in ACWDL [22-20](#).

Background

SB 260 requires Covered California to automatically enroll beneficiaries into a health plan before their Medi-Cal termination date to help avoid a gap in coverage. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Covered California have coordinated changes to the NOA and CalHEERS to implement SB 260 automatic plan selection. The Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) updated the NOA to complement the letter Covered California would send the transitioning beneficiaries. Due to the Medi-Cal continuous coverage requirement during the COVID-19 federal Public Health Emergency, SB 260 activity was on hold. However, recently DHCS advised counties that the continuous coverage requirement ends March 31, 2023, and counties shall resume annual renewal activities on April 1, 2023, starting with June 2023 renewal dates. See MEDIL [I 23-02](#) for more information on the end of the continuous coverage requirement.

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NOA Snippet Release

CalWIN made programming changes to update NOAs to include the snippets referenced in [ACWDL 22-01](#) in December 2022. CalSAWS will finish programming changes to update NOAs to include the snippets in Release 23.05. The threshold languages in the initial release are English, Armenian, Cambodian, Chinese, Farsi, Korean, Tagalog, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. The remaining threshold language snippets will be in a future release.

CalHEERS SB 260 Functionality

CalHEERS will activate SB 260 automatic plan selection, portal enhancements and Covered California SB 260 customer noticing on May 19, 2023. This date coordinates with the earliest date counties will discontinue and transition Medi-Cal beneficiaries following the June 2023 annual renewals. Beneficiaries determined ineligible for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal; not eligible for any other Medi-Cal program; and eligible or conditionally eligible for Advance Premium Tax Credit will qualify for SB 260 automatic plan selection effective July 1, 2023. See ACWDLs [22-01](#) and [22-20](#) for further SB 260 guidance.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Nancy Liu, by phone at (916) 345-7838 or by email at nancy.liu@dhcs.ca.gov.

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