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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information

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

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW STATE ONLY AID CODES FOR INDIVIDUALS
WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to inform counties of fifteen aid codes, including nine new aid codes and six repurposed aid codes, which will be used to identify adult individuals aged 19-64 who are not eligible for federally funded full scope Medi-Cal.

Background

Current federal law states that federally funded full scope Medicaid is available to immigrants who are Qualified Non-Citizens (QNC). QNCs include immigrants (also known as "qualified aliens") who have been in the United States for a minimum of five years, those who are exempt from the five-year waiting period (also known as the five-year bar), and lawfully present immigrants who are under 21 years of age and/or pregnant. The five-year bar restricts certain QNCs' access to federal public benefit programs for the first five years from the date they obtain their qualifying immigration status. These individuals are a subset of QNCs and are referred to as Newly Qualified Immigrants (NQI). Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is limited to emergency and pregnancy-related services for individuals who do not have an immigration status or are unable to establish an immigration status eligible for federally funded full scope Medicaid (known as Medi-Cal in California).

For many immigrants who are ineligible for federally funded full scope Medi-Cal, California uses state funds to provide full scope Medi-Cal. If an individual is not eligible for federally funded or state funded full scope Medi-Cal, they may still qualify for restricted scope Medi-Cal, which covers emergency, pregnancy-related services, and long-term care.

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Implementation Date

The implementation date for the new aid codes is January 1, 2027. Individuals who apply on or after January 1, 2027, must be placed in the new aid codes, as indicated. Existing members will be transitioned to the new aid codes beginning with the January 2027 month of eligibility. Additional information regarding the group that will be transitioned to the new aid codes will be communicated in forthcoming guidance.

Aid Code Description

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is implementing fifteen aid codes, including nine new aid codes (W9, V4, Y1, V5, Y2, V6, W5, W6, 0K) and six existing aid codes (1C, 1D, 1J, 1K, 1M, 1N). The aid codes identify individuals who are not eligible for federally funded full scope Medi-Cal based on immigration status groupings, share of cost, and funding. These aid codes will provide the same level of benefits as full scope Medi-Cal coverage. FFP must be claimed only for Medi-Cal covered emergency and pregnancy services. All Medi-Cal covered services provided by these aid codes that are not emergency or pregnancy services must be paid for with 100 percent State General Fund. The 15 aid codes are defined below and included in the table in Enclosure 1.

Aid Code 1C (Repurposed)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS NQI MAGI New Adult Group Age 21 through 64

Aid Code W9 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS NQI MAGI Blind/Disabled Age 21 through 64

Aid Code 1D (Repurposed)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS NQI MAGI Parent/Caretaker Age 21 and Over

Aid Code V4 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only Non-MAGI UIS NQI Age 21 through 64

Population: UIS population

Aid Code 1J (Repurposed)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) MAGI New Adult Group Age 19 through 64

Aid Code Y1 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS PRUCOL MAGI Blind/Disabled Age 19 through 64

Aid Code 1K (Repurposed)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS PRUCOL MAGI Parent/Caretaker Relative Age 19 and Over

Aid Code V5 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS PRUCOL Non-MAGI Age 19 through 64

Aid Code 1M (Repurposed)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS Expansion MAGI New Adult Group Age 19 through 64

Aid Code Y2 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS Expansion MAGI Blind/Disabled Age 19 through 64

Aid Code 1N (Repurposed)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS Expansion MAGI Parent/Caretaker Relative 19 and Over

Aid Code V6 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only Non-MAGI UIS Expansion Age 19 through 64

Aid Code W5 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS Initial Transitional Medi-Cal Age 19 and Over

Aid Code W6 (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS Additional Transitional Medi-Cal Age 19 and Over

Aid Code 0K (New)

Aid Code Name: State Only UIS Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) Age 19 through 64

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Medi-Cal Eligibility Division (MCED) Policy inbox at MCED-Policy@dhcs.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

State-Only Aid Codes - Medi-Cal Eligibility Division
Aid Code Crosswalk
06/2026

	<u>State-Only</u>	<u>MAGI/Non-MAGI</u>	<u>Coverage Groups</u>	<u>Current Aid Code</u>	<u>State-Only Full Scope Aid Code</u>	<u>Aid Code Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	NQI	MAGI	Adult Group - Individuals at or below 138% FPL Age 21 through 64 - newly eligible	M1	1C	State Only UIS NQI MAGI New Adult Group Age 21 through 64	21 through 64 and 11 months
2		MAGI	Adult Group - Individuals at or below 128% FPL Age 21 through 64 - not newly eligible	L6	W9	State Only UIS NQI MAGI Blind/Disabled Age 21 through 64	21 through 64 and 11 months
3		MAGI	Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	M3	1D	State Only UIS NQI MAGI Parent/Caretaker Relative Age 21 and Over	21 and over
4		Non-MAGI	Medically Needy Aged, Blind or Disabled Poverty Level Aged or Disabled	23, 24, 27, 34, 37, 63, 64, 67, 2H, 6H	V4	State Only UIS NQI Non-MAGI Age 21 through 64	21 through 64 and 11 months
5	PRUCOL	MAGI	Adult Group - Individuals at or below 138% FPL Age 19 through 64 - newly eligible	M1	1J	State Only UIS PRUCOL MAGI New Adult Age 19 through 64	19 through 64 and 11 months
6		MAGI	Adult Group - Individuals at or below 128% FPL Age 19 through 64 - not newly eligible	L6	Y1	State Only UIS PRUCOL MAGI Blind Disabled Age 19 through 64	19 through 64 and 11 months
7		MAGI	Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	M3	1K	State Only UIS PRUCOL MAGI Parent/Caretaker Relative Age 19 and Over	19 and over
8		Non-MAGI	Medically Needy Aged, Blind or Disabled Poverty Level Aged or Disabled	23, 24, 27, 34, 37, 63, 64, 67, 82, 83, 2H, 6H	V5	State Only UIS PRUCOL Non-MAGI Age 19 through 64	19 through 64 and 11 months
9	Expansion of All ages	MAGI	Adult Group - Individuals at or below 138% FPL Age 19 through 64 - newly eligible	M1	1M	State Only UIS Expansion MAGI New Adult Group Age 19 through 64	19 through 64 and 11 months
10		MAGI	Adult Group - Individuals at or below 128% FPL Age 19 through 64 - not newly eligible	L6	Y2	State Only UIS Expansion MAGI Blind Disabled Age 19 through 64	19 through 64 and 11 months
11		MAGI	Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	M3	1N	State Only UIS Expansion MAGI Parent/Caretaker Relative Age 19 and Over	19 and over
12		Non-MAGI	Medically Needy Aged, Blind or Disabled Poverty Level Aged or Disabled	23, 24, 27, 34, 37, 63, 64, 67, 82, 83, 2H, 6H	V6	State Only UIS Expansion Non-MAGI Age 19 through 64	19 through 64 and 11 months
13		Non-MAGI	Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program	0P	0K	State Only UIS BCCTP Age 19 through 64	19 through 64 and 11 months
14	TMC	MAGI	Transitional Medical Assistance	39	W5	State Only UIS Initial Transitional Medi-Cal Age 19 and Over	19 and over
15		MAGI	Transitional Medical Assistance	59	W6	State Only UIS Additional Transitional Medi-Cal Age 19 and Over	19 and over