

DATE: September 18, 2024

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: OBSOLESCENCE OF SHARE OF COST (SOC) REFORM POLICY

This letter supersedes the policy guidance outlined in All County Welfare Director Letter (ACWDL) [23-31](#), dated December 22, 2023, concerning the changes to the "maintenance need" used to calculate the share of cost (SOC) for Medically Needy (MN) program enrollees not in long-term care. As of the release of this letter, ACWDL 23-31 is obsolete.

Due to budgetary restrictions in the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Medi-Cal Share of Cost (SOC) reform outlined in ACWDL No. 23-31 is hereby revoked. The reform was intended to increase the maintenance need level to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL), effective January 1, 2025, contingent upon fiscal capacity and federal approval.

Counties are to adhere to existing SOC guidelines located in ACWDL [89-58](#) and the Medi-Cal maintenance need will continue to be based on the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program payment levels.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Gabe Doria at (916) 775-0407 or Gabe.Doria@dhcs.ca.gov, or Andrey Bodrov at (916) 345-8675 or Andrey.Bodrov@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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