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**Department of Health Care Services**



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DATE: November 17, 2021

Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 21-37

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

SUBJECT: FEDERAL STIMULUS PAYMENTS

### **Background**

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to provide counties with outreach language for federal stimulus payments for immediate use. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan of 2021 was signed into law. This bill authorizing additional Economic Impact Payments (EIPs), also known as stimulus payments to many Americans to help them pay expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IRS started sending the third Economic Impact Payments to eligible individuals on March 12, 2021 and continue to send Economic Impact Payments weekly in 2021 as 2020 tax returns are processed. Payments will be sent to eligible people for whom the IRS did not have information to send a payment but who recently filed a 2020 tax return.

The goal of the outreach language is to inform beneficiaries about the federal stimulus payments that are available and encourage beneficiaries to use the tools and resources that are provide to apply for the payments. The outreach language includes social media messaging and language for county websites.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) urges counties to use this messaging. Counties may make minor changes to the wording, but the intent of the language must remain the same to retain message consistency. DHCS is utilizing global outreach language broadly used by the California Department of Social Services in their outreach activities.

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For questions, please contact, please contact Guadalupe (Lu) Sanchez by phone at (916) 345-8085 or by e-mail at [Guadalupe.Sanchez@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Guadalupe.Sanchez@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Yingjia Huang, Acting Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Division

Enclosure

**Messages**

Medi-Cal beneficiaries and families: you may qualify for federal stimulus payments issued during #COVID19. To check your eligibility and claim your payments today, visit <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/2020-income-tax-return-filing>

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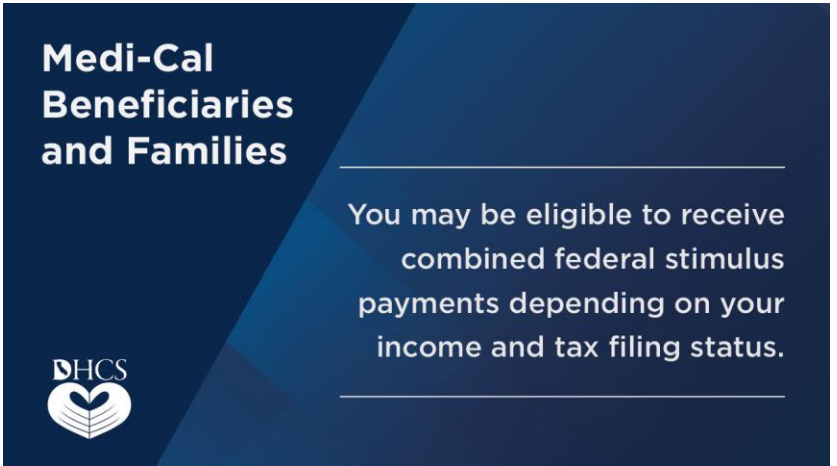
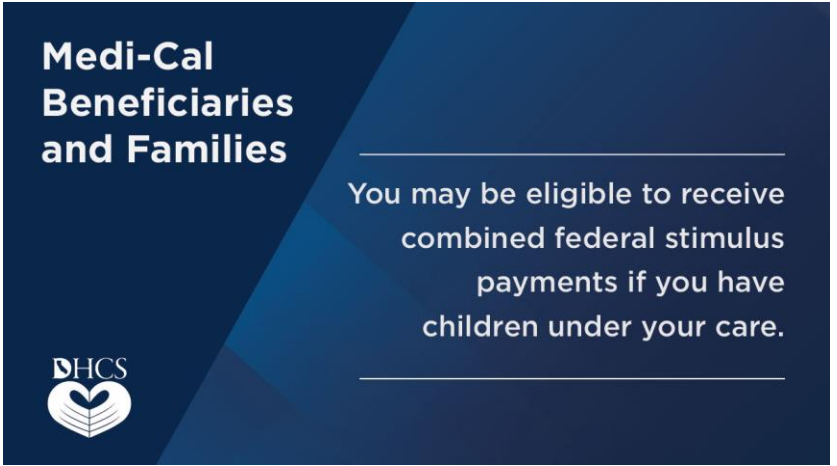
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Beneficiaries  
and Families**

You may qualify for  
federal stimulus payments.  
Check your eligibility today.

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issued three stimulus payments  
during the COVID-19 public health  
emergency. Check your eligibility  
and claim your payments today.



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<p>Medi-Cal beneficiaries and families: depending on your income and tax filing status, you may be eligible to receive more than \$3,000 from the combined federal stimulus payments. To check your eligibility and claim your payments today, visit <a href="https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/2020-income-tax-return-filing">https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/2020-income-tax-return-filing</a></p> <p>(315 characters, fits with owly in hootsuite)</p>	 <p>The graphic features a dark blue background with a lighter blue geometric shape on the right. The text 'Medi-Cal Beneficiaries and Families' is in white at the top left. Below it, the DHCS logo (a heart with 'DHCS' above it) is on the left. On the right, the text 'You may be eligible to receive combined federal stimulus payments depending on your income and tax filing status.' is in white, flanked by two horizontal lines.</p>
<p>If you have children, you may qualify for federal stimulus payments. Combined payments may provide more than \$3,000 for each qualifying child under your care. Visit <a href="https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/2020-income-tax-return-filing">https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/2020-income-tax-return-filing</a></p> <p>(327 characters. Fits with owly in hootsuite)</p>	 <p>The graphic features a dark blue background with a lighter blue geometric shape on the right. The text 'Medi-Cal Beneficiaries and Families' is in white at the top left. Below it, the DHCS logo (a heart with 'DHCS' above it) is on the left. On the right, the text 'You may be eligible to receive combined federal stimulus payments if you have children under your care.' is in white, flanked by two horizontal lines.</p>