

DATE: June 14, 2023

Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 23-38

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

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 1131 – UPDATES TO THE SAFE AT HOME
PROGRAM (SAH)

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to inform counties that Senate Bill (SB) 1131 (Chapter 3.2, Statutes of 2022) was signed into law on September 26, 2022, which expands the address confidentiality program to include individuals who face violence, harassment, or threats of violence from the public because of their work for a public entity. Individuals can also be defined as health care providers, public health officers and public health workers, election workers, school board members, and other city, county, and state government employees.

As outlined in All County Welfare Directors Letter ([ACWDL 14-34](#)), the Secretary of State implemented the confidential SAH program on July 1, 1999 to help victims or survivors of domestic violence or stalking to remain safe from an abusive situation. SB 1131 expands the current program to include other individuals who face threats of violence or violence or harassment from the public because of their work for a public entity. The bill would require an individual seeking to make their address confidential under these provisions to complete the application in person at a community-based assistance program designated by the Secretary of State. The bill would require the application process to include a requirement that the applicant meet with a counselor and receive orientation information about the program.

The designated enrolling agencies available to assist public entity workers in applying for SAH are at: <https://sah.cdn.sos.ca.gov/participating-ea-2022.pdf>. Please note that individuals may also contact agencies outside their residential area to apply. For additional assistance, contact the Secretary of State, Safe at Home Program, at 877-322-5227.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Chanthakone (May) Duangpheth, by phone at (916) 345-8686 or by email at Duangpheth.Chanthakone@dhcs.ca.gov.

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