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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: ERRATA AUTOMATION OF SECTION 1902(e)(14)(A) WAIVER
FLEXIBILITIES: 100 PERCENT FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL),
ZERO INCOME, AND STABLE INCOME RENEWAL WAIVER
(Reference: [MEDIL I 23-21](#), [MEDIL I 23-40](#), [MEDIL I 23-42](#))

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to inform counties of system changes to the automation of three waiver flexibilities through Change Request (CR) 254740 in both the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) and California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS). Updates include:

- CR 254740 - During continuous coverage unwinding renewals for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal, if a person's attested household income is at or below 100 percent FPL (including attestation of zero income), CalHEERS will bypass the income verification check and will override the income verification for the person's attested household income to be Admin Pass regardless of admin or e-Verification status.
- SAWS Implementation: SAWS to automate the stable income waiver for continuous coverage unwinding renewals for Non-MAGI cases without a Share-of-Cost (except for Long-Term Care) when stable income has been reported.

CR 254740: Automation of 100 percent FPL and Zero Income Waivers

Background

During the continuous coverage unwinding period, the 100 percent FPL and zero income waivers will assist counties in streamlining case processing for beneficiaries that have reported or will report income less than or equal to 100 percent FPL or no/zero income. These flexibilities allow counties to temporarily complete the income determination for ex parte annual renewals during the continuous coverage unwinding period without requesting additional income information, documentation, or signed affidavit when certain criteria are met, per [MEDIL I 23-21](#) and [MEDIL I 23-40](#).

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Updated CalHEERS Functionality

During the continuous coverage unwinding period, CalHEERS will implement income verification waiver functionality for individuals renewed for MAGI Medi-Cal whose attested income is at or below 100 percent FPL. This waiver will apply to both Current Monthly Income (CMI) and Projected Annual Income (PAI) if the member's income verification is pending or unverified until the waiver's expiration. When the income verification is waived, the verification status will be updated to "Admin Pass" with a source labeled "Admin Verified". Additionally, when the waiver is applied to a CalHEERS case, a case note will be added, and periodic reports will be generated of the individuals granted this waiver during MAGI Medi-Cal renewals.

The automation within CalHEERS will occur on September 29, 2023, for December 2023 renewals.

SAWS: Implementation of Stable Income Waiver

Background

During the continuous coverage unwinding period, the stable income waiver will assist counties in streamlining case processing for members that have reported and continue to report stable sources of income. This flexibility allows counties to temporarily complete the income determination for ex parte annual renewals for Non-MAGI Medi-Cal during the continuous coverage unwinding period without requesting additional income information, documentation, or signed affidavit when certain criteria are met, as outlined in [MEDIL I 23-42](#).

Updated SAWS Functionality

CalSAWS will be implementing the waiver utilizing a temporary, short-term solution until the automation can be implemented. The short-term solution (SCR 267897 and 267730) will advance the renewal date by a year for Non-MAGI cases identified as meeting the waiver criteria. CalSAWS will insert a journal entry to indicate the case was advanced due to the Stable Income Waiver. This batch process will run in the month of October 2023 for December 2023 renewals and in November 2023 for the January 2024 renewals.

To implement the automated solution (SCR 267729), CalSAWS will identify the Non-MAGI only cases that meet the criteria of the waiver and then run Batch EDBC with the renewal run reason to automatically advance the renewal one year. CalSAWS will insert an automated journal entry to indicate the case was advanced due to the Stable Income waiver. The automation of the Stable Income waiver in CalSAWS will occur starting in December 2023 for February 2023 renewals.

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CalWIN will generate a standard list for the three remaining CalWIN counties. CalWIN will advance the renewal date 12 months for Non-MAGI cases identified to benefit from the waiver. A case comment will be inserted automatically by CalWIN.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Derek Soiu by phone at (916) 345-8193 or by email at Derek.Soiu@dhcs.ca.gov.

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