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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 24-07

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

SUBJECT: Elimination of Assets—Outreach Letters

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to provide counties with the attached elimination of asset limits outreach letters. Effective January 1, 2024, the asset limits for Non-Modified Adjusted Gross Income (Non-MAGI) Medi-Cal programs, including Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) and Long-Term Care (LTC) were eliminated, as described in All-County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) [22-25](#). The California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) has updated their systems to reflect the changes.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) sent outreach letters to individuals who were denied between June 1, 2023 and November 30, 2023 for being over the asset limit. The letter informed the recipients of the elimination of assets effective January 1, 2024 and encouraged these individuals to re-apply for Medi-Cal or an MSP, if appropriate. The letters were mailed on February 26, 2024.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Sara McDonald, by phone at (916) 345-8061 or by email at Sara.McDonald@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Medi-Cal will no longer count your assets!

Dear Medi-Cal Applicant,

Important News! A new California law will stop counting assets such as bank accounts, cars, and money to qualify for Medi-Cal starting **January 1, 2024**.

Income and income from property such as income from rental property, interest payments from trusts, and dividends from stocks are still counted. The law also applies to Medicare Savings Programs.

If you applied and were denied for Medi-Cal or a Medicare Savings Program because of your assets in December 2023, your county will decide if you qualify for Medi-Cal in 2024 under the new law. They will mail you a letter with their decision in January or February.

If you applied and were denied for Medi-Cal or a Medicare Savings Program because of assets between June 1 and November 30, 2023, you can reapply in one of these ways starting January 1, 2024:

- **Online:** Apply online through the BenefitsCal website at <https://benefitscal.com/>.
- **By mail:** Print and mail the application to your local county office. Find your county's address and phone number in the list that came with this letter. You can also ask your county to mail you a paper application.
- **In person or by phone:** Go to or call your local county office. You can find your local county office at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/COL>.

Questions?

If you have questions or need help, call your local county office. For general questions about Medi-Cal, call the free Medi-Cal Helpline at **1-800-541-5555**.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Services
State of California