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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter

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

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF MEDICAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDI-CAL

Purpose

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter (MEDIL) is to remind counties about the distinction between the medical support enforcement requirement for Medi-Cal and for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program.

Separation of Medi-Cal and CalWORKs requirements reminder

As communicated in [MEDIL 23-44](#), the Department implemented a waiver of the medical support enforcement requirement for the Medi-Cal program at the start of the continuous coverage unwinding period. The waiver is currently active until the Department provides an end date, per [ACWDL 24-06](#). For Medi-Cal eligibility, counties are not required to screen for medical support enforcement, send the CW 2.1 at application, or follow-up on compliance with the form after benefit approval.

The Medi-Cal program waiver does not apply to the medical support enforcement requirements for the CalWORKs program. Required individuals must still comply with this requirement for the CalWORKs program, as applicable. While the waiver is in place, non-compliance with medical support requirements should not affect the Medi-Cal eligibility of individuals who are automatically eligible to Medi-Cal through CalWORKs. Once the waiver sunsets, The Department will issue guidance about determining medical support enforcement non-compliance for Medi-Cal apart from CalWORKs.

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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