

DATE: March 5, 2025

Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information

Letter No.: I 25-07

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

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB)1163: LESBIAN, GAY,
BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER DISPARITIES REDUCTION ACT.

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with information regarding [Assembly Bill 1163](#), (Chapter 832, Statutes of 2023) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Disparities Reduction Act. AB 1163 adds intersexuality to the voluntary self-identification information to be collected by various state entities, including Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), as early as possible following January 1, 2025, but no later than July 1, 2026.

Effective

DHCS is updating the online and paper formats of the single streamline application (SSApp) to incorporate the optional data collection question for variations in sex characteristics/intersex status. System implementation is planned in the California Healthcare Eligibility and Enrollment Retention System (CalHEERS) and California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) in September 2025. Effective with the release of the updated SSApp, counties are required to update the case file when a member provides a response to the variations in sex characteristics/intersex status data collection question.

The new voluntary data collection for variations in sex characteristics/intersex information will be collected on the SSApp where DHCS collects other optional sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) questions such as:

- What is this person's gender?
- What sex was listed on your original birth certificate?

The new optional intersex question reads as follow:

Some people are born with a variation in sex traits. People sometimes call this intersex or a difference in sex development. It means their bodies look or work

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differently from how we usually think of standard male or female bodies. Do you have a variation in sex traits? Yes or No

Prior to the September implementation DHCS will issue an All County Welfare Director Letter to provide counties with guidance on other updates to the SSApp and best practices for engaging individuals on the optional data collection questions.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact Danielle Walker, by phone at (916) 954-1249 or by email at Danielle.Walker@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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