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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIA MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: 250 PERCENT WORKING DISABLED PROGRAM PREMIUM REDUCTION
OUTREACH LETTER

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with the attached 250 percent Working Disabled Program (WDP) Premium Reduction outreach letter. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) sent an outreach letter to the 250 percent WDP participants about their premiums being reduced to \$0 due to recent legislation, please see ACWDL 22-14 for more information.

Effective July 1, 2022, all premiums for the 250 percent WDP are reduced to \$0. The Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) will update their systems and the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) accordingly to display \$0 for premiums. There is no action for Counties to take in regards to premiums reducing to \$0 and the aid code will remain the same (6G).

As a reminder, beneficiaries will still need to provide income verification and proof of employment during annual redetermination to remain in the 250 percent WDP.

If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please contact either:

- Meuy Saeteune at (916) 345-8064 or by email at Meuy.Saeteune@dhcs.ca.gov.

Original Signed By

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Enclosure



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Important news:
You will no longer pay premiums for the
Medi-Cal 250 Percent Working Disabled Program

Dear Medi-Cal Beneficiary,

You are in the Medi-Cal 250 Percent Working Disabled Program. Your monthly premium (cost) is **\$0** starting July 1, 2022. You no longer need to pay premiums beginning July 1, 2022. Your Medi-Cal benefits are the same.

Cancel your premium payments

Starting July 1, 2022, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is no longer taking your check, money order, or electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments. If you used to pay your premiums through your bank, cancel the payments starting July 1, 2022.

About the waiver option

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), you did not lose Medi-Cal for not paying your premiums. If you or a family member had financial hardship due to the PHE, you can ask for a waiver. This stops your monthly premium payment. Or it gives you credit for payments you already made. You can apply for a waiver during the PHE. To apply, go to https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_WD_cont.aspx. Or call **1-916-445-9891**.

You do not need to answer this letter

This letter is not a Notice of Action. It is only to tell you that your premium is \$0 after July 1, 2022. Your coverage for health care services are the same.

Questions?

If you have questions about this change or about Medi-Cal or if you need help, call the Medi-Cal Helpline at **1-800-541-5555**. We are open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays. The call is free.

Thank you,

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