

Tri Counties CalAIM PATH Collaborative

September 17, 2026

We'll get started in a few moments.



Ventura September 17 Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
10-10:15am	Welcome and Introductions	BluePath Health
10:15-10:20am	Brief Remarks from Asm Steve Bennett	
10:20-10:50am	Provider Spotlights & Local CalAIM Success Stories	211 Ventura County GA Foods Community Memorial Health
10:50-11:15am	Updates from Gold Coast Health Plan and Kaiser Permanente	
11:15-11:45am	Provider Networking	
11:45-12pm	Reflections & Closing	

Housekeeping & Announcements

Community Agreements

Acknowledge different perspectives and expertise.

Assume positive intent, acknowledge impact, and clarify to avoid assumptions.

We all have a role in the solution.

2026 Collaborative Aim Statement and Drivers

By December 2026, the Collaborative will develop a foundation for ongoing collaboration to support continuity beyond the PATH program.

**Transform
networking into
formal and informal
partnerships
through in-person
meetings**

**Prepare for
implementation
changes through
regular policy
updates and
summaries**

**Strengthen
capacity through
trainings and
co-development of
tools and
resources**



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**24hour
home care**



**Community
Memorial**
HEALTHCARE



**Gold Coast
Health Plan**
A Public Entity



**Primary Care
Development
Corporation**



**VENTURA COUNTY
HEALTH CARE AGENCY**



KAISER PERMANENTE



Pear Suite

Introducing Assemblymember Steve Bennett



Local Efforts to Support Medi-Cal Members

Kelly Brown, Community Impact Officer, and
Ariel Hession, Outreach & Media Manager



Interface Children & Family Services

211 Information & Assistance



Ventura County

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ABOUT 211 VENTURA COUNTY

Since 2005, Interface 211 Ventura County (211VC) has served as the conduit between community members, social service agencies, and community-based organizations by responding to calls and texts from community members seeking a variety of social service support during their most vulnerable moments.

Available by phone, text, and web 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Interface 211VC delivers health and social service support to individuals in over 150+ languages through phone interpretation services.



Housing &
Homeless
Services



Income &
Expenses



Food



Crisis Services



Transportation



Health Care



Mental Health &
Substance Use
Disorders



Utilities



Education



Legal Assistance



Post
Incarceration
Reentry Services



Children &
Family



Youth Services



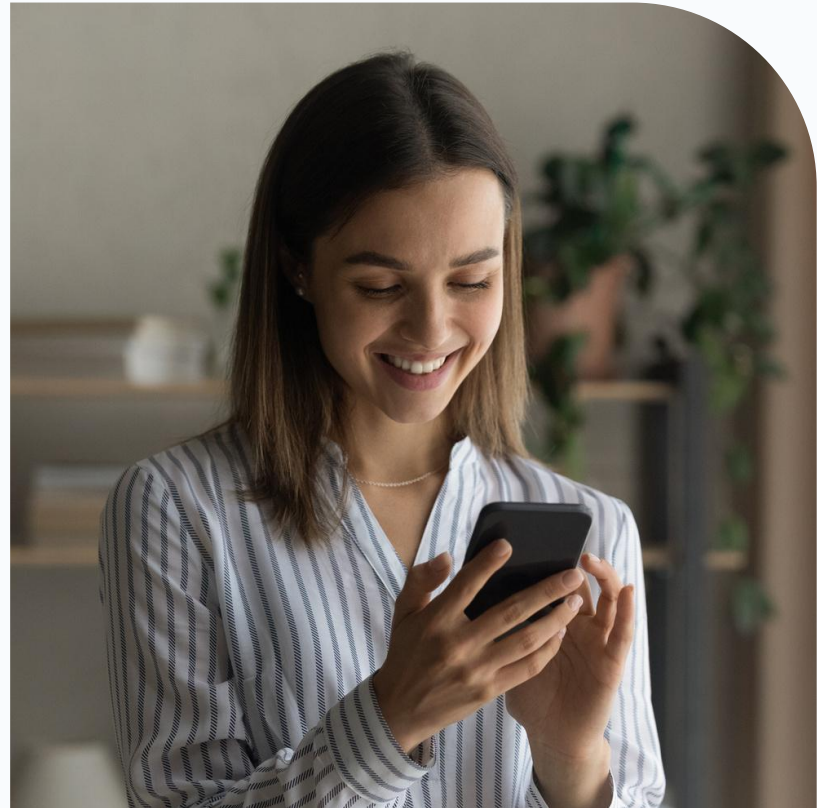
Seniors



CONTACT 211

Speak to a live agent

- Call 211 or (800) 339-9597
- Text your zip code to 898-211
- Visit 211Ventura.org



211 CALLER MEDI-CAL FINDINGS

68.8%

**did NOT know the rules
are changing**

84.1%

**wanted more
information**

What each of us can do *today*

The two-question ask

1. "Do you have CalFresh or Medi-Cal?"
2. "Did you know the rules are changing?"

If the answer to the second is no — hand them information. You don't need to be the expert. You need to be the person who noticed.

The single highest-value action

Make sure the county has a current address and phone number.

Most coverage loss under these rules won't come from ineligibility. It will come from a notice that went to an old address.



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Click www.211ventura.org

Text 898-211

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Local CalAIM Successes: GA Foods

Janet Uy, Director of Healthcare Partnerships





Nourishment.
Delivered.

Community Supports Provider

Medically Tailored Meals (MTM)
and
Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)



About GA Foods – Who We Are



OUR MISSION

Delivering nourishing meals to improve health outcomes and address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH).

GA Foods is a leading provider of medically-tailored meals and nutritional support, serving vulnerable populations including seniors, individuals with chronic illnesses, and post-discharge patients. Our services are central to Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) platforms, including Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT), now part of our Ventura County offering.



Enhanced Care Management (ECM)

We integrate medically tailored meal programs, and MNT counseling, into comprehensive care management plans, directly contributing to improved health outcomes and reduced hospital readmissions.



Community Supports (CS)

More than meal delivery: nutritional counseling and Medical Nutrition Therapy, education, and collaborations with local organizations to combat nutrition sensitive condition/s and other barriers to health.

Populations Served: Medi-Cal members, seniors, individuals with chronic conditions, and post-discharge patients. Ages range from 5 years old and older.

Geographic Reach: Serving communities across California and nationwide — now including Ventura County through Gold Coast Health Plan.

Offers – What We Do Best!



Medically Tailored Meals (MTM)

Customizable meal plans that meet specific dietary needs for individuals with nutrition sensitive conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, and others.



Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)

RD-led nutrition assessments and individualized counseling — now available for Gold Coast Health Plan members, in addition to MTM.



Rapid Response & Flexibility

Quick, reliable meal delivery in critical moments — hospital discharges and transitions of care such as temporary housing or recuperative centers.



Nutrition & Culinary Expertise

Decades of experience creating nutritious, culturally appropriate meals that support the unique needs of diverse populations.



Strategic Partnerships

Collaboration with healthcare providers, Managed Care Plans, and community organizations i.e. ECM and CS providers, local agencies for seamless, coordinated care.



Proud Achievements

Proud to be part of the PATH initiative, strengthening local partnerships and expanding our impact in the medically tailored meal space.

Case Study



Empowerment Through Accessible, Personalized Support

MEMBER PROFILE

Jane, 52-years old, referred through CalAIM after her PCP identified an A1C of 7.6% and started metformin. Living with hypertension and a BMI of 38, with real barriers to healthy eating: two jobs, sole caregiver for two teen daughters, no car, and a 45-minute drive to the nearest grocery store.

PROGRAM & DURATION

12-week Medical Nutrition Therapy program through her CalAIM referral. Four sessions with dietitian Grace (15+ years' experience) built a personalized, budget-friendly meal plan, extended an additional 3 months with grocery-box support to reinforce her new skills.

HEALTH OUTCOME

A1C improved from 7.6% to 6.8%, with modest, trending-right weight loss. The bigger win: renewed confidence for the first time, Jane felt equipped to make food and health choices within her control, and her relationship with her daughter improved along the way.

APPROACH & STRATEGY

After years feeling discouraged by past attempts, Jane started with changes she could stick to; swapping a bagel and cheese for whole wheat toast, cheese and a banana. Grace also connected her to free Walmart grocery delivery, got her daughters helping with meal prep, and built in a nightly 20-minute walk.

Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)

Now available for Gold Coast Health Plan members, alongside our Medically Tailored Meals (MTM) program



RD-Led Assessment

A registered dietitian conducts a comprehensive nutrition assessment for every member — the same clinical rigor as our broader Food is Medicine approach.



Condition-Specific Counseling

Individualized nutrition plans for chronic conditions — diabetes, CHF, chronic renal failure, dysphagia, wound healing, maternal health, and more.



Continuity of Care

The same dietitian follows each member through their full program — from initial assessment to final evaluation, with no handoffs or gaps.



Paired with MTM

MNT counseling works hand-in-hand with medically tailored meals for a whole-person, Food is Medicine approach to care.

The Ask – What We Need to Serve Better



Needs from Collaborative Participants

- ✓ Deeper integration of our meal and MNT services into ECM and Community Supports care plans.
- ✓ Partnerships with local community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and government agencies to expand our reach.



Gaps in Care

- ✓ Continued MNT Integration: with MNT now available through **Gold Coast Health Plan**, we're working to fully embed it into care management workflows.
- ✓ Addressing nutrition sensitive conditions: many Medi-Cal members still face barriers to accessing nutritious food — we need to work together to close these gaps.



Key Connections

- ✓ Healthcare Providers and MCPs to collaborate on integrating our services into broader care management, population of health initiatives, and clinical pilots.
- ✓ Community-Based Organizations to identify and reach underserved populations in high-need areas.



Thank You!



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Local CalAIM Successes: Community Memorial Health

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Health and Grants

Gold Coast Health Plan

Kaiser Permanente



Ventura County Tri-Counties PATH CPI

Medi-Cal Local Engagement

September 2026

More Information on Medi-Cal Changes and Medi-Cal Support



Department of Health Care Services



<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/medi-cal/updates/medi-cal-changes/>



Medicaid Assistance Center

1-800-557-4515 (toll-free)

or

711 (TTY)

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.
to 5 p.m. PST.

For help in Spanish, 1-800-545-7263.

How Kaiser Permanente is Investing in Your Community

Kaiser Permanente is making it easier for people to get care. We are improving services like Medi-Cal Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports so members in your community get the care they need.

Our Investment Focus Areas



Birth Equity

Helping birthing persons get the care and services they need.



Children and Youth

Outreach to make sure members know about the services they can use.



Recuperative Care and Housing

Helping providers add more beds so they can care for members who have housing needs.



Medically Tailored Meals

Putting resources into helping members get healthy meals.

Investment Highlight

Birth Equity and Children & Youth Social Media Outreach Campaign



Shared Enhanced Care Management and Community Support information with **623K** people.



93% positive comments about services from community members.



100% of influencers and community groups felt the campaign was valuable and informative for themselves and their followers.

Kaiser Permanente Medi-Cal's *Your Health Your Care* **Influencer Campaign**

Enhanced Care Management Influencer Campaign

In 2025, Kaiser Permanente Medi-Cal funded the Public Goods Project (our Communications Vendor) to launch an Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Influencer Pilot:



 **The spark** | The pilot campaign was rooted in a simple and powerful idea: people listen to people they trust

 **The objective** | To leverage a network of local trusted messengers to increase awareness and enrollment for Enhanced Care Management (ECM) across two priority populations: Birth Equity statewide and Foster Youth within San Bernardino and Sacramento counties.

 **The trusted messengers** | We partnered with **social media influencers** and **community-based organizations (CBOs)** who reach and resonate with priority populations through their own communication channels.

 **Impact** | There was over 500k+ in potential reach of messaging to trusted messenger audiences, 50k+ views across all posts combined, and +2k engagements (likes, shares, and comments).

We wanted this campaign to resonate with all Medi-Cal members, regardless of health plan.

All social media posts and collateral were health plan agnostic.

This content was not KP Branded.

2025 Influencer Campaign for Enhanced Care Management Services

In 2025, Kaiser Permanente Medi-Cal funded the Public Goods Project (our Communications Vendor) to launch an Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Influencer Pilot. **We saw an overwhelmingly positive response...**

General appreciation for services

"I love how this program offers comprehensive care, it's exactly what new moms need to feel supported."

Appreciation for Medi-Cal

*"Medi-Cal sounds like a great insurance plan."
"Medi-Cal is so helpful!"*

General appreciation for post

"That's pretty awesome. Thanks for letting other folks know who have Medi-Cal what they need to do"

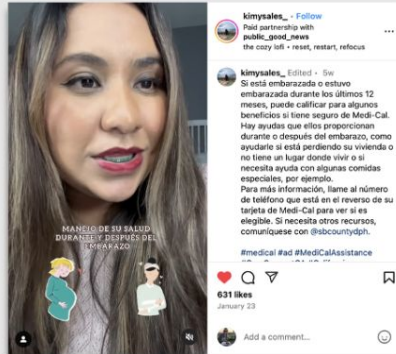
Personal Interest in ECM/ CS

"Wait this is sooo cool 🥰 I need to check this out I just found out I am pregnant"

Majority of posts had an engagement rate at or above industry average, indicating audiences were interested in the content.

Birth equity

Influencer: Kim (Spanish language)
Followers: 25.4k
Video views: 6,520
Engagements: 709
Engagement Rate*: 10.87%
[Link to Post](#)



Foster Youth

Influencer: Danitzia
Followers: 14.6k
Video views: 2,553
Engagements: 26
Engagement Rate: 1.02%
[Link to Post](#)



So What's Next?

Kaiser Permanente Medi-Cal, in partnership with Public Goods Project, is relaunching a 2.0 version of the Influencer Campaign this year!



1.0 ECM Influencer Campaign



2025

Since then, we have...



- Evaluated our 1.0 Campaign
- Partnered with **Anthem** 
- Worked on developing a stronger call to action for our campaign
- Redesigned the campaign to facilitate a launch across California

2.0 ECM Influencer Campaign

The campaign is relaunching this year as:

**Your Health
Your Care**

**Summer/Fall
2026**

Your Health Your Care



Health made easier: Learn about free support that fits your need



Help is here

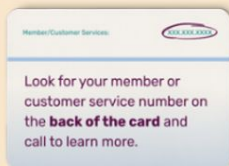
Medi-Cal insurance plans offer free support that many people might not know about. Enhanced Care Management is available right now to those who qualify. Select an option below to learn more.

Our New Campaign Website –
Your Health Your Care

Call to Action:

Have questions? Call
your Medi-Cal health
insurance plan.

If you have your Medi-Cal health insurance card handy, use that number to call for more information. You can also use the dropdown below to learn more on your plan's website.



Social Media

KP has identified
Community Based
Organizations & PGP
has identified micro-
influencers to post
and share resources.



DHCS Resources to Support Medi-Cal Members

DHCS Released New Online Resources

On September 1, DHCS released new online resources to support Medi-Cal members, providers, and community partners as we prepare for the **January 1, 2027, transition of Medi-Cal members with unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) from managed care to fee-for-service (FFS)**.

The resources include:

- [Member-Focused Webpage](#): Clear, plain-language information for affected members, including what is changing, what stays the same, and steps they may need to take.
- [Stakeholder Page](#): An overview of the transition to Medi-Cal FFS, links to the Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit, member resources, and operational materials that will be updated throughout the transition.
- [Find Doctors and Services Tool](#): Initial usability improvements to help members find Medi-Cal FFS providers, with more enhancements to come.

Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit

Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit:

Three new toolkit items to support partner outreach, with more resources to be added – please bookmark and check back regularly:

- [General Fact Sheet](#)
- [Member FAQ](#)
- [Provider FAQ](#)

[Home](#) > [Coverage Ambassadors](#) > Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit

Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit

This toolkit is your central source for information and resources about new and upcoming changes to Medi-Cal. Additional resources will be added as they become available. Our goal is to help Medi-Cal members stay informed and supported through every step of these changes.

Please check back regularly for new resources and guidance. For detailed information, visit the [What Members Need to Know page](#).

Medi-Cal Change	Name	Language	Asset Types	Actions
All	Asset Limit	English	Guidance	Download
Tool Type	Asset Limit Carousel Post	English	Social Media	Download
Language	Asset Limit FAQ	Arabic	FAQ	View
All	Asset Limit FAQ	Armenian (Eastern)	FAQ	View

We invite you to review the handouts at our *Policy Changes* table!

Upcoming Webinars

On **September 24, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. PDT**, DHCS will host a Coverage Ambassador train-the-trainer [webinar](#) to provide an overview of Medi-Cal six-month renewals and key information to help members keep their coverage as H.R. 1 changes continue to roll out.



On September 30, from 10 to 11 a.m. PDT, DHCS will host a [webinar](#) to provide an overview of the transition of Medi-Cal members with unsatisfactory immigration status from managed care to fee-for-service (FFS), effective January 1, 2027. This public webinar is designed to help providers and advocates deliver clear, consistent, plain-language guidance to members during this transition.

DHCS requests your feedback

As the PATH initiative sunsets at the end of the year, PATH Collaborative participants statewide have an opportunity to share their feedback on:

- The impact of participation in the collaborative
- The value of partnerships across organizations
- The sustainability of our progress

We will hand out paper copies
and pause for 2 minutes to
complete it.



Provider Networking

Peer Networking Opportunity

- **Three** structured table topics available for peer discussion, or
- Use this time to network freely with fellow participants
- The floor is yours — connect in whatever way is most useful to you!

Policy Changes

Outreach and Engagement

De-Escalation Strategies

2026 Scheduling

Join us on Wednesdays in 2026!



Register today to add
the meetings to your
calendar!

[Add to Calendar\(.ics\)](#) | [Add to Google Calendar](#) | [Add to Yahoo Calendar](#)

To edit or cancel your registration details, [click here](#).

Please submit any questions to: pathinfo@bluepathhealth.com.

WAYS TO JOIN ZOOM

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android

Meeting Calendar

January 21

February 18

March 18

Week of September 13th (in-person)

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

Week of September 14th (in-person)

October 21

November 18

December 16

**Thank you for joining and see
you next month for our
October 21 meeting focused
on Financial Sustainability!**

Questions? Please email pathinfo@bluepathhealth.com.

Appendix

Thank you for joining us in August!

BluePath health provided an update on recent federal and state policy changes affecting Medi-Cal. The **Central Coast Coverage Hub** and **Clínicas del Camino Real** presented on local efforts across the Tri Counties to support Medi-Cal members.

- **Meeting Materials**

- [Meeting Slides](#)
- [Meeting Recording](#)



Federal and State Policy Changes Impacting Medi-Cal

Major Federal and State Policy Changes

Key Change	Effective Date	Affected Population(s)
Public Charge Final Rule	September 18, 2026	Applicants for Lawful Permanent Residence (LPR) ¹
H.R. 1: Community Engagement / Work Requirements	January 1, 2027	New Adult Group, ages 19 to 64 (with numerous exemptions) ²
H.R. 1: Retroactive Coverage Limit	January 1, 2027	New Adult Group, ages 19 to 64 and Medi-Cal members seeking Medi-Cal outside the New Adult Group ³
Transition to FFS Medi-Cal	January 1, 2027	Adults with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) ⁴
CalAIM Waiver	January 1, 2027	All Medi-Cal members
H.R. 1: 6-Month Eligibility Checks	March 1, 2027	New Adult Group, ages 19 to 64 (with some exemptions) ⁵

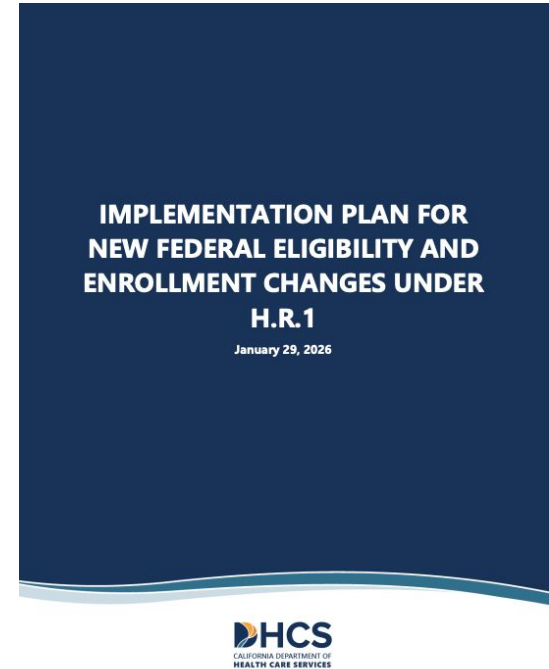
**As of August 2026. Policy developments are fast-moving, and subject to change*

DHCS Resources on H.R. 1 Implementation

In January 2026, the Department of Health Care Services released an implementation plan outlining their strategy to address H.R. 1 impacts on Medi-Cal, including:

- Work and Community Engagement Requirements
- Six-Month Renewals
- Immigrant Coverage Changes

Stay informed of Medi-Cal changes using [DHCS' Medi-Cal Changes webpage](#).



Source: [DHCS - California H.R.1 Implementation Plan](#)
Source: [DHCS - Tracking Federal Policy Impacts on Medi-Cal](#)

H.R. 1 Work and Community Engagement Requirements (WCER)

Effective January 1, 2027, work and community engagement requirements apply to some adults in Medi-Cal aged 19 to 64.

Individuals can satisfy requirements through:



80 hours per month of work, community service, and/or “work program” participation



Have monthly income at least 80 times the federal minimum wage (\$580 per month in 2026)



Enrolled in education at least half of time

Many Members Will Qualify for Exemptions

Exemption Categories

- Children (0-18)
- Adults 65 and older
- Pregnant people (during pregnancy and one year after)
- Parents of children ages 0-13
- People with serious physical or mental health conditions, or substance use problems
- People released from jail or prison in the last 90 days
- People on Medicare Part A or Part B
- American Indians or Alaska Natives
- People under age 26 who were in foster care on their 18th birthday
- **Medically frail**

“Medically Frail” Definition

As currently proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), **the exemption for Medical Frailty includes documentation of a qualifying condition *and* documentation that the condition limits someone's ability to meet work requirements.**

- States are required to develop and maintain a list of conditions, and provide a process for individuals to request consideration if a condition is not listed.
- CMS names some conditions that are ***not expected*** to qualify: Asthma, hypertension, anemia, generalized pain, pre-diabetes, Type I or II diabetes, obesity, psoriasis, headaches, ADHD, individuals with SUD in stable recovery (defined as 5+ years).

Short-Term Hardship Exceptions

- **Emergency declaration:** Resided in a county with a federally-declared emergency or disaster
- **Unemployment rate:** Resided in a county with an unemployment rate of 8% or 1.5 times the national unemployment rate (whichever is lower)
- **Inpatient care:** Was in an inpatient hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility, etc.
- **Travel for care:** Traveled outside of the individual's community for an extended period for medical care for themselves or for their dependent

H.R. 1 Six-Month Eligibility Checks

Beginning March 1, 2027, H.R. 1 requires an eligibility renewal process **every 6 months** for the New Adult Group. The six-month renewal requirement only applies to individuals in the New Adult Group.

The following are not in the New Adult Group and are therefore not subject to this requirement including:

- Pregnant or postpartum people,
- Former foster youth age 25 and younger,
- Alaska Natives or American Indians,
- People under age 26 who were in foster care on their 18th birthday

H.R. 1 Retroactive Coverage Limit

Beginning January 1, 2027, DHCS will limit retroactive Medi-Cal coverage for individuals **who submit their renewal within 90 days** after losing Medi-Cal coverage (often referred to as the “90-day cure period”).

Individuals in the **New Adult Group** may qualify for up to **one month** of retroactive coverage. **All other individuals** may qualify for up to **two months** of retroactive coverage.

- **No exemptions apply** to this provision; the one-month/two-month split applies uniformly to coverage groups.

Transition to Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal

Beginning January 1, 2027, some members will get their care through Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal instead of a health plan. DHCS estimates this will impact **about 2 million Medi-Cal members** statewide. Under FFS, members are still able to access health care, and Medi-Cal still pays for services. As of now, DHCS states that **ECM and Community Supports will not continue in FFS Medi-Cal.**

This applies to the following groups:

- People who are undocumented,
- Some people with green cards who are in the five-year waiting period before they can get full-scope federal Medicaid,
- People considered Permanently Residing in the U.S. Under Color of Law (PRUCOL), meaning they are allowed to stay in the U.S. even without formal immigration status.

Additional Changes Impacting Immigrant Communities

- **Beginning July 1, 2027**, Medi-Cal members that fall into the following categories will no longer be able to access full-scope Medi-Cal (primary and ongoing care) and transition to restricted-scope (emergency, pregnancy-related services, and nursing home care):
 - Refugee and asylees
 - Humanitarian parolees
 - Survivors of domestic violence or human trafficking, and others
- **Beginning July 1, 2027**, others members – those who are non-citizens who don't qualify for federally-funded Medi-Cal, but who California continues to cover fully using state funds – will be required to pay a monthly premium.

Public Charge Final Rule

The Department of Homeland Security issued a final rule on July 20, 2026, officially removing the current DHS rule on Public Charge. Public Charge only applies to some programs and some immigrants. The final rule goes into effect on September 18, 2026.

“The state is also developing a **dedicated Public Charge webpage that will serve as a central source for updates, resources, and guidance as additional information becomes available**. Californians are encouraged to check the CalHHS website for the latest guidance.”

[CalHHS Statement - July 16, 2026](#)