



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: February 21, 2024

TIME: 1:30PM – 3:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Susan Kim & Aaron Fox, 3rd Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

This meeting will be held in a hybrid format which allows the public to participate virtually, or in-person, as permitted under the Board of Supervisors' August 8, 2023 order, which suspended the application of Board Policy 3.055 until March 31, 2024.

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Kenneth Hahn Hall Of Administration
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Room 140

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The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Consent Item(s)** (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
 - a. **Aging and Disabilities Department:** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreements for the Aging and Disabilities Department with the California Department of Aging for the Modernizing Older Californians Act Funds for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Supportive Services Program, and the Public Health Workforce Program.

Presentation/Discussion Items:

- b. **Department of Public Social Services:** Medi-Cal Renewal Update.

III. Public Comment

IV. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting:

-- No Items --

V. Notice of Closed Session

**CS1- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Valdovinos v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC680138
Department of Public Social Services**

VI. Adjournment

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	February 21, 2024
BOARD MEETING DATE	March 6, 2024
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th
DEPARTMENT(S)	Aging and Disabilities (AD)
SUBJECT	Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreements for Aging and Disability (AD) Department with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Modernizing Older Californians Act for the Elderly Nutrition Program NM-2324-19, Supportive Service Program OM-2223-19 and the Public Health Workforce Program PH-2223-19.
PROGRAM	Modernization of the Older Californians Act for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Supportive Services Program, and the Public Health Workforce Program
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	Due to the funding timeframe, the Department will amend current contracts with these new funds.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	The County of Los Angeles (County) Aging and Disabilities (AD) Department, as the designated Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), seeks approval of this Board letter to serve as a Resolution authorizing execution of Agreements with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Modernizing Older Californians Act for the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP), Supportive Services Program (SSP) and the Public Health (PH) Workforce Program to encourage the AAA's to modernize and expand the Older Californians Act (OCA) funded programs where there are opportunities for continued sustainability to support the needs of individuals who are sixty (60) years and older and meet the goals of the Master Plan for Aging. The State is providing one-time funding to support the modernization of Community-Based Service Programs (CBSP) under the OCA. Activities funded under this investment will support the goal of modernizing the OCA to reflect changes in the needs of individuals who are sixty (60) years and older as well as the goals of the Master Plan for Aging. The AAAs may expand the scope of some of the existing programs and fund innovative community-based service programs that address the evolving needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers, provided the OCA Modernization contract permits such flexibility. AD currently has contracts for these programs which the Department will amend with these additional funds.

COST & FUNDING	<p>The CDA Agreement for the Modernizing Older Californians Act grant funds for ENP is \$19,202,423 which provides funding through March 31, 2029; SSP is \$8,148,954 which provides funding through March 31, 2026; and PH Workforce Program is \$117,914 which provides funding through September 30, 2024. The funds have been included in AD's FY 2023-24 budget and will be requested as needed in future budget requests. No additional County funds are requested as part of the recommended actions. There is no Net County Cost associated with this program.</p>
BACKGROUND (Include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	<p>The OCA's first major amendment in 1996 (AB 2800) established various OAA programs and introduced additional CBSP not found in the OAA. Initially, these additional programs were funded primarily by the State's General Fund; however, budget cuts during the Great Recession left these programs authorized but unfunded. With the increasing population of Californians over the age of sixty (60), reinvestment into the OCA Programs is essential. The OCA Modernization will allow AAAs to expand the scope of some of their existing programs and fund innovative community-based service programs that address the evolving needs of older adults, provided the OCA Modernization contract permits such flexibility.</p>
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain how: </p>
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please state which one(s) and explain how </p>
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	<p>Name, Title, Phone # & Email:</p> <p>Ashley Liang, Executive Assistant, at (213) 880-4158 or at ALiang@ad.lacounty.gov</p>

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March 6, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING FOR THE MODERNIZING OLDER CALIFORNIANS ACT FUNDS FOR THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM NM-2324-19, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM OM-2223-19, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE PROGRAM PH-2223-19

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The County of Los Angeles (County) Aging and Disabilities (AD) Department, as the designated Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), seeks approval of this Board letter to serve as a Resolution authorizing execution of Agreements with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Modernizing Older Californians Act for the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP), Supportive Services Program (SSP), and the Public Health (PH) Workforce Program to encourage the AAA's to modernize and expand the Older Californians Act (OCA) funded programs where there are opportunities for continued sustainability to support the needs of individuals who are sixty (60) years and older and meet the goals of the Master Plan for Aging.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and adopt the Board letter as the Resolution authorizing the Director of AD to execute funding Agreements with CDA for the Modernizing Older Californians Act grant funds for ENP NM-2324-19 in the amount of \$19,202,423, SSP OM-2223-19 in the amount of \$8,148,954, and PH-2223-19 in the amount of \$117,914. CDA Program Memos are attached (Attachment I).



PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The State is providing one-time funding to support the modernization of Community-Based Service Programs (CBSP) under the OCA. Activities funded under this investment will support the goal of modernizing the OCA to reflect changes in the needs of individuals who are sixty (60) years and older as well as the goals of the Master Plan for Aging. The AAAs may expand the scope of some of the existing programs and fund innovative community-based service programs that address the evolving needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers, provided the OCA Modernization contract permits such flexibility. The Community-Based Service Programs under the OCA Modernization contract (supportive services only) includes the following:

- Aging In Place (SSP services) - Provides supportive services to individuals who are sixty (60) years of age and older or 18 years of age or older with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and requires information, assistance, and supportive services to help the above-referenced individuals to remain in their homes and communities, rather than relocating or moving into an institutional setting. "Supportive services" include, but are not limited to, information, case management, education, referral services, legal assistance, assessment, socialization and engagement opportunities, home modification equipment, and other supportive services to enable older adults who reside in a community setting to continue aging in place within the home.
- Alzheimer's Day Care Resources Centers (SSP services) - Specialized day care resource centers for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia related disorders, as well as support for their families and caregivers. Caregivers are provided respite opportunities while the client engages in activities provided by the day care resource center.
- Caregiver Respite Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) services - Provides temporary or periodic services to someone sixty (60) years and older or to an individual of any age with early onset of Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction, to relieve persons who are providing primary care who are not eligible for other public benefit programs.

The Nutrition Modernization (NM) funding will support the AAAs and their service providers in expanding and modernizing nutrition services for older adults. The AAAs will have multiple options in support of nutrition services and may utilize NM funding each contract year over a five-year period to fund one or multiple options. AD will be using funds to support the expansion of meals services and programs that include:

- Title III C-1 and C-2 Meals: Efforts to modernize and/or expand the nutrition program and appeal to new clients through options including, but not limited to:
 - To-Go Meals: Meals that are picked up by Older Californians Nutrition Program (OCNP) clients (or client's agent) or delivered to clients who are not comfortable dining in a congregate meal setting or are unable to attend during congregate mealtimes.

- Groceries: Assistance to Older Americans Act (OAA) participants who are sixty (60) years and older in the form of food items.

The PH Workforce Program will expand the scope of some of the existing programs and fund innovative community-based service programs that address the evolving needs of older adults. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the significant level of food insecurity across Los Angeles County as AD's community and senior centers distributed 2.5 million pounds through its pantry program during the pandemic. While the quantity distributed has transitioned to a "new normal", the level of food insecurity continues to persist as evident from the level of demand for the senior centers' ongoing pantry program. Given the demographic of clients-served, Community Health Workers will conduct and provide public health outreach in conjunction with its pantry program, to maximize outreach to the Target Population.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The activities identified in these programs support Countywide Strategic Plan Goal I: Make Investments That Transform Lives, specifically, Strategy I.1 Increasing Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives, and Strategy I.2. Enhancing Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions; and Goal II: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, specifically, Strategy II.2 Supporting the Wellness of Our Communities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The SSP has 13 contractors, and the current SSP contracts will be amended with the SSP modernization funds based on the same percentage, as appropriate, AD uses to allocate the SSP baseline funds. The same allocation strategy will be used for the 16 ENP contractors, as appropriate. The PH funds are allocated to the senior centers to use for special projects in the community. The modernization funds are over multiple years so the contracts will be amended to follow the funding years in the grant. AD will be adapting the contracting process on an ongoing basis since the funding overlaps fiscal years. As needed, AD will amend current contracts and/or solicit new ones where appropriate and go back to the Board as needed. This will be done once this Board Letter is approved to authorize AD to accept the funds from the State.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The CDA Agreement for the Modernizing Older Californians Act grant funds for ENP is \$19,202,423 which provides funding through March 31, 2029; SSP is \$8,148,954 which provides funding through March 31, 2026; and PH Workforce Program is \$117,914 which provides funding through September 30, 2024. The funds have been included in AD's FY 2023-24 budget and will be requested as needed in future budget requests. No additional County funds are requested as part of the recommended actions. There is no Net County Cost associated with this program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The OCA's first major amendment in 1996 (AB 2800) established various OAA programs and introduced additional CBSP not found in the OAA. Initially, these additional programs were funded primarily by the State's General Fund; however, budget cuts during the Great Recession left these programs authorized but unfunded. With the increasing population of Californians over the age of sixty (60), reinvestment into the OCA Programs is essential. The OCA Modernization will allow AAAs to expand the scope of some of their existing programs and fund innovative community-based service programs that address the evolving needs of older adults, provided the OCA Modernization contract permits such flexibility.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There is no impact on the current services. Approval of this Resolution will enable AD to provide enhanced services that will address the evolving needs of the growing senior population.

CONCLUSION

Upon your approval of the recommended actions, AD will submit the Board letter as the Resolution to the CDA for approval. Should you have any questions, you may contact me directly, or your staff may contact Ashley Liang, Executive Assistant, at ALiang@ad.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laura Trejo, DSW, MSG, MPA
Director

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Office
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**CONTRACT RELEASE MEMO**

To: Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
CM No: 23-02
SUBJECT: Expanding Public Health Workforce (PH-2223) Budget and Reporting
ISSUE: Information **APRIL 14, 2023**
CONTRACT TERM: January 1, 2022 – September 30, 2024
SUPERSEDES: N/A
PROGRAM AFFECTED: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

PURPOSE:

This Contract Release Memo (CM) provides funding information and specific reporting requirements for your Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Expanding Public Health Workforce Contract (PH-2223).

FUNDING:

The Expanding Public Health Workforce contract funding amount for FFY 2023 is \$2,594,123. For funding allocation please refer to the allocation methodology document found in your contract package email.

Request for Funds and Expenditure Reports:

CDA will not process payments for the PH-2223 Contract until the Budget is approved, and the contract is fully executed.

PH-2223 will be utilizing CDA's new electronic format for submitting expenditure reports, the Local Finance Reporting System. No actual forms will be issued or required.

Deadlines:

Expenditures must be reported in the Closeout by October 31, 2024. Expenditure time periods and closeout deadlines are included as footnotes on the Budget Display within Exhibit B of the contract.

Contract Language Updates:

The Contract Summary of Changes will be included in your contract package email.

Inquiries:

For questions, please contact the following:

- Financial Reporting and Payments- CDA Local Finance Bureau at Finance@aging.ca.gov

- Contract Execution and Contract Requirements - CDA Business Management Bureau at BMBsubvention@aging.ca.gov
- Program and Data Requirements – Older Adult Programs Branch at publichealthworkforce@aging.ca.gov

Thank you,

/s/

Nicole Shimosaka, Deputy Director
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PROGRAM MEMO

TO: Area Agencies on Aging

NO: 23-13

DATE ISSUED: June 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Modernization funding (OM) for the Older Californians Act (Supportive Services Only)

EXPIRES: March 31, 2026

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: Community Based Service Programs under the Older Californians Act

SUPERCEDES: N/A

Purpose

Program Memo (PM) 23-13 outlines the funding intent, allowable activities, and distribution of general funds for modernizing the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act (OCA). Funding for these efforts includes State General Funds granted in response to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) network's legislative proposal. The purpose of this PM is to provide guidance to the AAA network and to encourage the AAAs to modernize, advance, and expand the OCA programs where there are opportunities for continued sustainability beyond the one-time funding.

Background

The OCA's first major amendment in 1996 (AB 2800) established various Older Americans Act (OAA) programs and introduced additional Community Based Service Programs (CBSP) not found in the OAA. Initially, these additional programs were funded primarily by the State's General Fund; budget cuts during the Great Recession, however, left these programs authorized but unfunded. With the increasing population of Californians over the age of 60, reinvestment into the Older Californians Act Programs is essential.

Funding Intent

The State is providing one-time funding of \$53.4 million to support the modernization of Community Based Service Programs under the OCA (commencing with Cal. Welfare & Institutions Code section 9000). In partnership with the California Department of Aging (CDA), the AAAs may allocate this funding to programs supporting CBSP including but not limited to Family and Caregiver Support, Senior Volunteer Programs, and/ or Aging in Place services.

Allowable Activities

Activities funded under this investment should support the goal of modernizing the OCA to reflect changes in the needs of the 60+ population as well as the goals of the Master Plan for Aging. The AAAs may expand the scope of some of the existing OCA programs and fund innovative community-based service programs that address the evolving needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers, provided the OCA Modernization contract permits such flexibility.

The Community Based Service Programs under the OCA Modernization contract (supportive services only) agreement OM-2223 includes the following:

CBSP Program Category	Brief Program Description
Aging in Place (inclusive of IIIB Supportive Services)	Provides supportive services to individuals who are sixty (60) years of age and older or 18 years of age or older with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and requires information, assistance, and supportive services to help the above-referenced individuals to remain in their homes and communities, rather than relocating or moving into an institutional setting. "Supportive services" provided include but are not limited to information, case management, education, referral services, legal assistance, assessment, home modifications, safety equipment, and other supportive services to enable older adults who reside in a community setting to continue aging in place within the home.
Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers (ADCRC) ¹	Specialized day care resource centers for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia related disorders, as well as support for their families and caregivers. Caregivers are provided respite

¹ ADCRC as defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 8.5, Chapter 7.5 (the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act [AB 2800, Statutes of 1996])

	opportunities while the client engages in activities provided by the day care resource center.
Caregiver Support for people with Dementia/Alzheimer's	A two-year expansion pilot with an emerging or designated Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The program will provide screening, family support, purchase of supplemental services, and case management to serve family caregivers.
Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) ²	Provides meaningful volunteer community service opportunities to low-income older adults aged 60 and over through mentoring children with exceptional physical, developmental, or behavioral needs.
Linkages ³	Provides care or case management to frail older adults age 60+ or functionally impaired adults age 18 and over to prevent or delay placement in institutional settings.
Caregiver Respite Service ⁴	<p>Provides temporary or periodic services to someone 60 and older or to an individual of any age with early onset Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction, to relieve persons who are providing primary care who are not eligible for other public benefit programs. Respite services include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home chore - Homemaker Assistance - In home supervision - In-home personal care - Out of home day care - Out of home overnight care <p>Respite services may also include recruiting and screening of caregiver providers and matching respite providers to clients.</p>

²² Foster Grandparent Program as defined in **California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 8.5, Chapter 7.5 (the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act [AB 2800, Statutes of 1996])**

³ Linkages ³ as defined in **California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 8.5, Chapter 7.5 (the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act [AB 2800, Statutes of 1996])**

⁴ Respite as defined ⁴ defined in **California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 8.5, Chapter 7.5 (the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act [AB 2800, Statutes of 1996])**

Senior Companion Program (SCP) ⁵	Provides personally meaningful volunteer community service opportunities to low-income older individuals for the benefit of adults who need assistance in their activities of daily living.
Senior Volunteer Development and Coordination	<p>Provides opportunities to develop, coordinate, and implement programs that enable older adults to engage in volunteerism opportunities. Senior Volunteer participants may include individuals who are age 60+ and/or individuals volunteering for programs that serve people age 60 and above. Senior Volunteer Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance senior volunteer opportunities by building off current programs and structures and utilizing the best practices of volunteer management. • Enhance senior volunteer opportunities that include intergenerational involvement. • Develop effective sustainability plans for long term implementation of senior volunteer programs as well as the retainment of volunteers. • Intentionally and effectively recruit, support, and connect older adults to volunteer in settings that include but are not limited to volunteer centers, schools, community sites, libraries, etc.

The AAA partners are not required to fund all programs identified in this PM. It is at the discretion of each AAA to fund programs that can be supported within their respective Planning Service Area (PSA).

Equipment Purchases

CDA requires pre-approval of equipment expenditures/purchases over \$5,000 and all computing equipment, regardless of cost. AAAs must follow CDA Equipment/Property Purchasing procedures as stated in [PM 22-15](#).

⁵ Senior Companion Program ⁵ as defined in **California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 8.5, Chapter 7.5 (the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act [AB 2800, Statutes of 1996])**

Funding Formula and Distribution

For information on the allocation methodology, please refer to the Allocation Methodology document included in the emailed contract package.

Budget Displays

Budget Displays are included in the emailed contract package.

Expenditure Reports and Closeout

This funding is separate from all other Title III B/Area Plan funding and must be tracked and reported separately. Data and expenditures for OM funding should not be reported in the OAAPS/SPR systems.

For program data such as, but not limited to, the number of service units and people served will be reported quarterly in the format specified by CDA (i.e., Online Data Reporting Tool).

Refer to OM-2223, *Exhibit A, Article III. Reporting Requirements* for further details.

AAAs are required to report expenditures monthly. To report expenditures, AAAs must use the Local Finance Reporting System.

Each Fiscal Year's funds must be closed out 30 days after the funding period ends, as shown here.

Fiscal Year	Funding Period	Closeout Due Date
FY 22/23	1/1/23 – 3/31/25	4/30/25
FY 23/24	7/1/23 – 3/31/26	4/30/26

Inquiries

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PROGRAM MEMO

To: Area Agencies on Aging**No:** 23-12**DATE ISSUED:** June 12, 2023**SUBJECT:** Nutrition Modernization (NM) Funding for the Older Californians Act Nutrition Services**EXPIRES:** N/A**PROGRAMS AFFECTED:** Nutrition Services under the Older Californians Act**SUPERSEDES:** N/A**PURPOSE**

This Program Memo (PM) outlines the funding intent, process, project options, methodology, and timing for the FY 2023-24 Nutrition Modernization (NM) funding for nutrition services under the Older Americans Act (OAA) and the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act (OCA). Funding for these efforts is provided by the State General Fund in response to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) network's legislative proposal. The purpose of this PM is to provide guidance to the AAA network and to encourage the AAAs to modernize, advance, and expand the OCA programs where there are opportunities for continued sustainability beyond the one-time funding.

Background

The OCA's first major amendment in 1996 (AB 2800) established various OAA programs and introduced additional programs not part of the OAA. Initially, these additional programs were funded primarily by the State General Fund; subsequent budget cuts during the Great Recession, however, left these programs authorized but unfunded. The NM funding supports the expansion of nutrition services and related projects outlined below as well as the modernization of programs identified under the OAA and OCA.

FUNDING INTENT

Through the 2022 Budget Act, \$186 million is allocated to the California Department of Aging (CDA) to support modernization of the OCA. Of the funding provided, \$126.7 million is dedicated to modernizing nutrition services as follows:

- \$15.1 million General Fund (GF) in FY 2023-24
- \$37.2 million GF in FY 2024-25

- \$37.2 million GF in FY 2025-26
- \$37.2 million GF in FY 2026-27

The NM funding will support the AAAs and their service providers in expanding and modernizing nutrition services for older adults. AAAs will have multiple options in support of nutrition services and may utilize NM funding each contract year over a five-year period to fund one or multiple options outlined under Project Options. The AAA partners are not required to fund all programs identified in the NM contract. It is at the discretion of each AAA to fund programs that can be supported within their respective Planning Service Area (PSA).

PROJECT OPTIONS

AAAs may utilize NM funding to fund as many of the following programs/activities each contract year as desired.

Project Option	Brief Project Description
Brown Bag Program¹	A program that provides both surplus, and donated edible fruits, vegetables, and other unsold food products to low-income older individuals age 60+.
Groceries	Assistance to Older Americans Act (OAA) participants age 60+ in the form of food items
Intergenerational Activities²	Efforts related to the planning, development, and implementation of activities and programs that bring participants of the Older Californians Nutrition Program (OCNP) together or with individuals under the age of 60.
Nutrition Infrastructure	Capacity and infrastructure improvements for the OCNP including purchasing, upgrading, or refurbishing infrastructure for the production and distribution of OCNP meals Note: Nutrition Infrastructure is only available in FY 2023-24.
Title III C-1 and C-2 Meals	Efforts to modernize and/or expand the OCNP and appeal to new clients through options including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To-Go Meals: Meals that are picked up by OCNP clients (or client's agent) or delivered to clients who are not comfortable dining in a congregate meal setting or are unable to attend during congregate meal times.

¹ Brown Bag program as defined in **California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 8.5, Chapter 7.5 (the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act [AB 2800, Statutes of 1996])**

² The continuation of intergenerational activities as defined as part of the OARR IF HCBS contract

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurant Option Meals: AAAs and/or nutrition providers contract with foodservice establishments such as restaurants, cafes, food trucks, and grocery stores for hot and/or cold meals. OCNP clients may use vouchers to obtain meals at contracted locations.
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For the requirements for each project option, refer to **NM-2324, Exhibit A, Article II Scope of Work** linked [HERE](#).

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

CDA requires pre-approval of AAA Administrative and AAA Direct Services equipment expenditures/purchases over \$5,000 and all computing equipment, regardless of cost. AAAs have delegated approval authority for subcontract equipment purchases and should require pre-approval of those equipment purchases over \$5,000 and of all computing equipment, regardless of cost and follows CDA’s standard guidelines and procedures as outlined in [PM 22-15](#).

PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES

Program flexibilities provided under the COVID-19 Major Disaster Declaration ([PM 23-05](#)) will end by June 30, 2023, and do not apply to the NM funding.

FUNDING FORMULA AND DISTRIBUTION

For information on the allocation methodology, please refer to the Allocation Methodology Document included in the emailed contract package.

BUDGET DISPLAYS

Budget Displays are included in the emailed contract package.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS AND CLOSEOUT

This funding is separate from all other Title III C/Area Plan funding and must be tracked separately. Data and expenses for NM funding should not be tracked in the NAPIS/SPR systems.

Data is reported quarterly in the format specified by CDA. Refer to **NM-2324, Exhibit A, Article III. Reporting Provisions** for further detail.

AAAs are required to report expenditures monthly. To report expenditures, AAAs must use the Local Finance Reporting System.

Each Fiscal Year’s funds must be closed out 30 days after the funding period ends. Closeout information will be forthcoming.

Fiscal Year	Funding Period	Closeout Due Date
FY23/24	7/1/23 – 3/31/26	4/30/26

FY 24/25	7/1/24 – 3/31/27	4/30/27
FY 25/26	7/1/25 – 3/31/28	4/30/28
FY 26/27	7/1/26 – 3/31/29	4/30/29

INQUIRIES

For questions regarding this PM, please email:

ocamodernization@aging.ca.gov or CDANutritionandHealthPromotion@aging.ca.gov.

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AGING AND DISABILITIES**

**MODERNIZING OLDER CALIFORNIANS ACT FUNDS
FACT SHEET**

The purpose of this Board letter is to request authorization to receive funding from the California Department of Aging (CDA) and implement it to enhance the following program services:

- **Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP):** ENP encompasses Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals, designed to maintain, or improve the quality of life of older adults aged 60 and above, as well as homebound adults, through improved nutrition.

	FY 2021-22 Actuals		FY 2022-23 Actuals		FY 2023-24 Actuals		FY 2023-24 Year End Estimates		Grand Total Actuals	
	Clients	Units	Clients	Units	Clients	Units	Clients	Units	Clients	Units
ENP	39,862	6,528,056	38,612	4,243,693	32,065	1,927,439	39,000	4,300,000	69,915	12,699,188
Home Delivered Meals	19,552	3,871,960	8,438	1,741,677	6,888	955,924	8,500	1,800,000	23,940	6,569,561
Congregate Meals	21,776	2,656,096	30,983	2,502,016	25,774	971,515	31,000	2,500,000	49,348	6,129,627

- **Supportive Services Program (SSP):** SSP provides services addressing functional limitations, promoting socialization, continued health and independence. These services enable older adults to maintain the highest possible levels of function, participation, and dignity within the community.

	FY 2021-22 Actuals		FY 2022-23 Actuals		FY 2023-24 Actuals		FY 2023-24 Year End Estimates		Grand Total Actuals	
	Clients	Units	Clients	Units	Clients	Units	Clients	Units	Clients	Units
SSP	4,751	81,542	4,427	81,444	3,214	49,776	4,500	85,000	7,527	212,762
Case Mgt.	4,206	36,104	3,866	35,469	3,009	20,955	3,900	36,000	6,737	92,527
Registry	541	2,300	428	2,235	75	258	150	500	723	4,793
Homemaker	497	13,708	480	11,827	323	6,493	500	12,000	893	32,028
Personal Care	394	9,864	374	9,402	240	4,421	400	9,500	657	23,687
Alzheimer's Day Care (Days)	89	3,690	137	5,928	57	1,699	100	3,300	183	11,317
In-Home Respite	22	553	38	1,003	24	176	30	350	80	1,732
PRK Case Mgt.	2	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	16
Info & Asst.*	7,896	10,567	9,380	10,710	4,051	6,583	8,600	10,600	21,327	27,860
Outreach Training Contract(s)*	4,637	4,742	4,759	4,871	3,009	9,191	4,600	14,000	12,405	18,804

Client counts are unduplicated across FYs and services

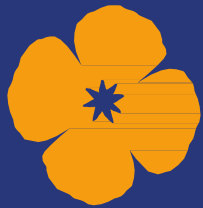
**Client counts are non-registered and are not included in the SSP total*

- **The Public Health (PH) Workforce Program:** This program aims to expand the scope of some existing programs and fund innovative community-based service programs that address the evolving needs of older adults. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted a significant level of food insecurity across Los Angeles County, with AD's community and senior centers distributing 2.5 million pounds of food through its pantry program during the pandemic. Given the demographics of the clients served, Community Health Workers will conduct and provide public health outreach in conjunction with the pantry program to maximize outreach to the target population.

Upon approval of this Board letter, AD will send this to CDA as their resolution to receive funds from CDA, and the funds will be allocated to ENP and SSP contractors. Since the funding spans several fiscal years, AD will adapt the contracting process on an ongoing basis. As needed, we will amend current contracts or solicit new ones where appropriate and return them to the Board as required. This process will commence once this Board Letter is approved, authorizing AD to accept the funds from the State.

Funding for the Public Health Worker Program will be used for the salaries and benefits of public health workers.

Plans for the modernization funds are still being developed. AD will provide updates to the Board about allocations by Supervisorial Districts and Contracts as needed once the funding is allocated to program services and by contractors.



Medi-Cal Renewals

Family and Social Services Cluster



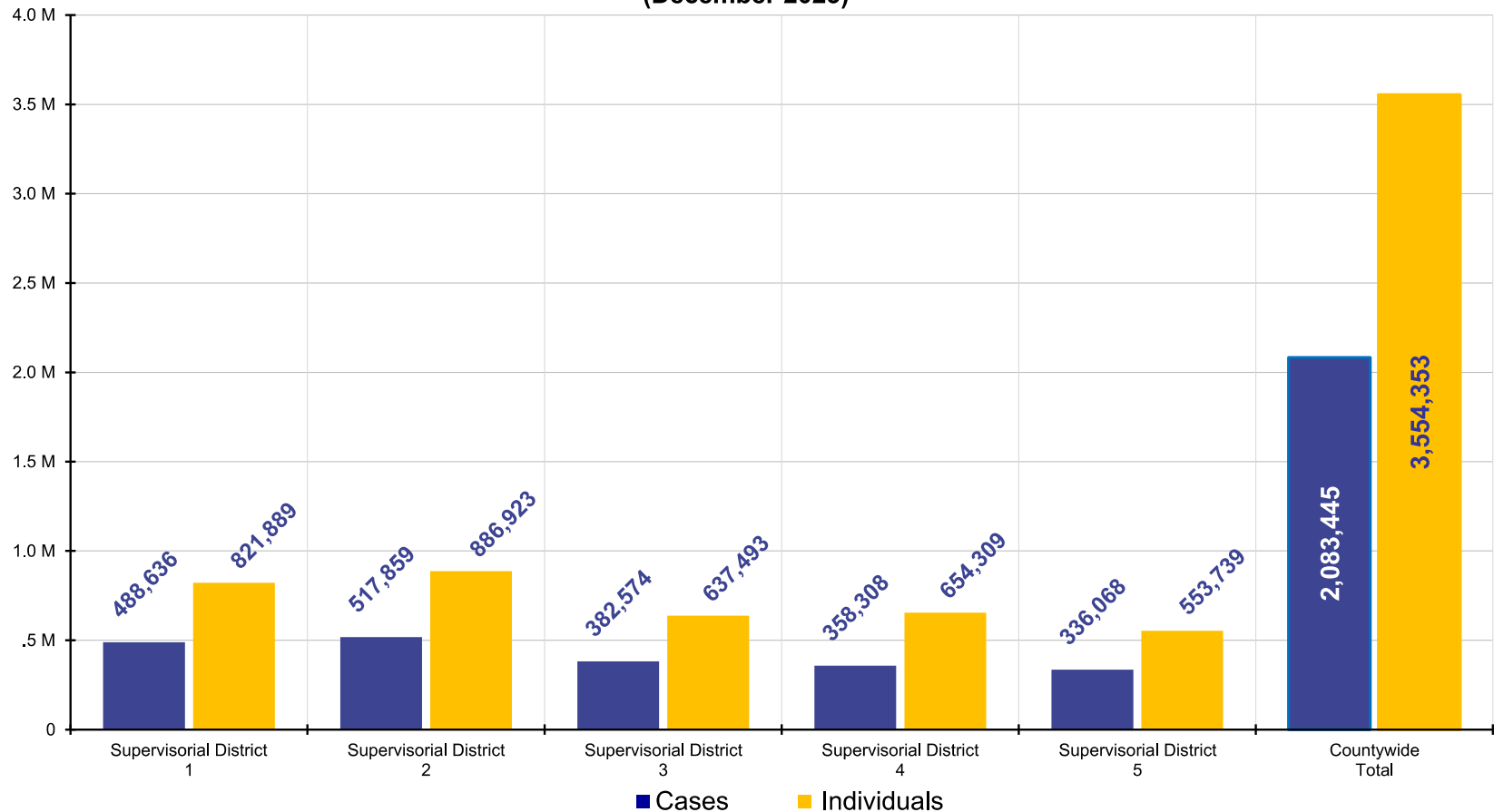
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Medi-Cal Caseload in Los Angeles County



Medi-Cal Caseload by Supervisorial District

(December 2023)

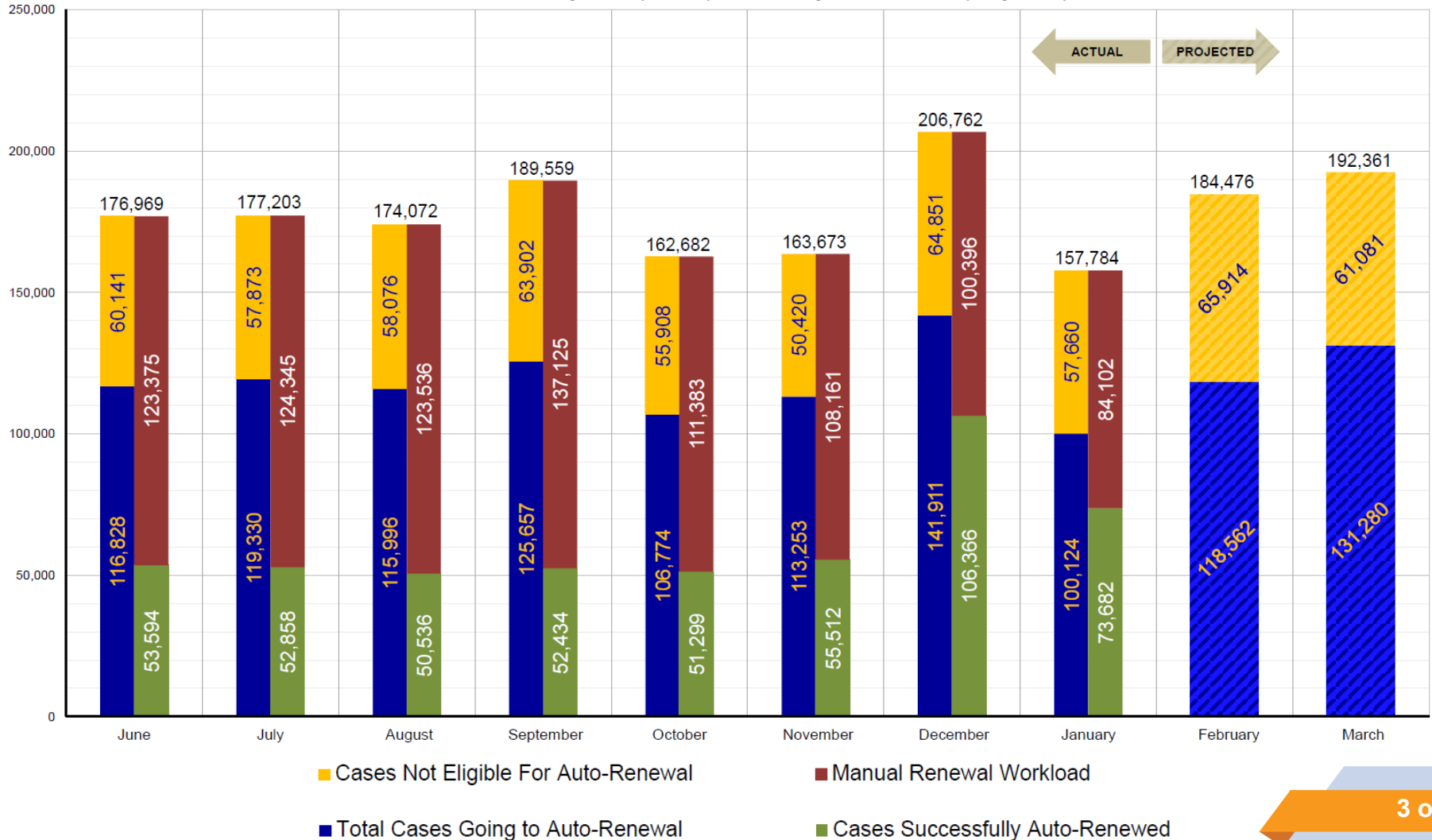


Actual & Projected Medi-Cal Renewal Workload



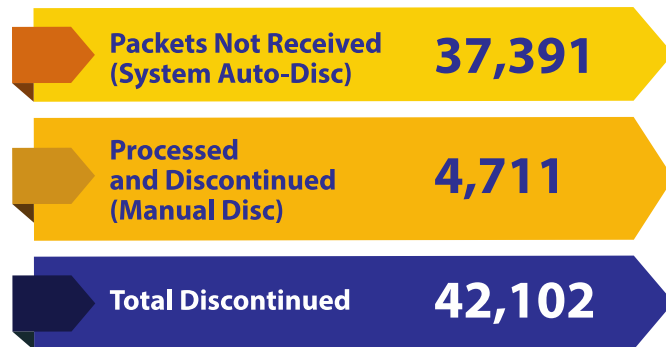
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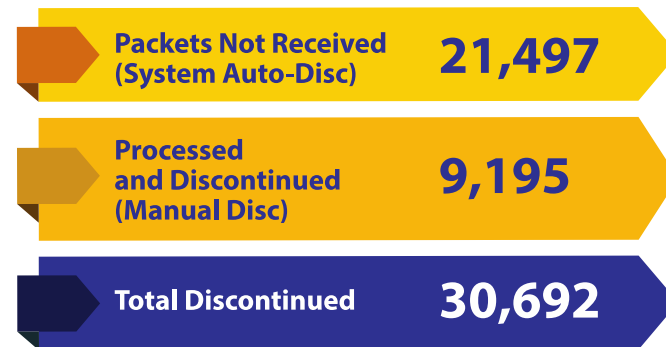


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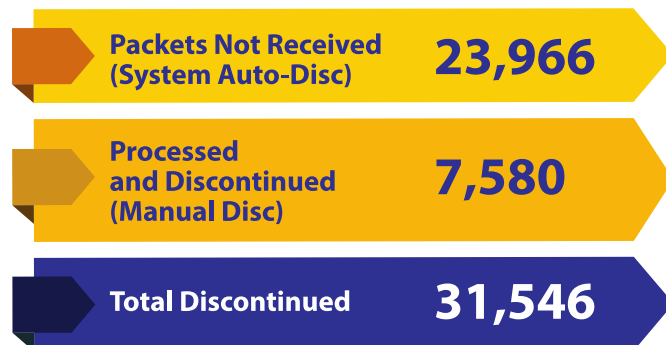
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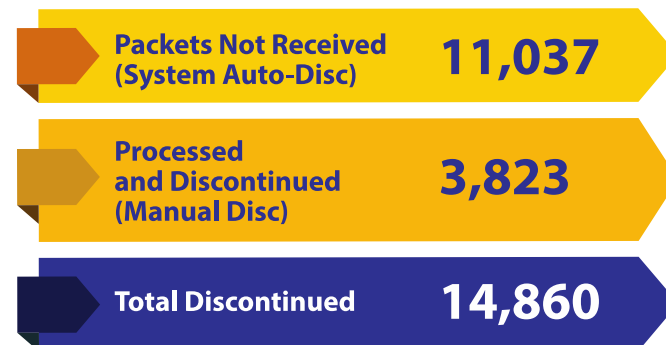
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Medi-Cal Renewal Webinars





ATTENTION MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES!

**NEED HELP COMPLETING
YOUR MEDI-CAL RENEWAL?**


JOIN US FOR A LIVE TUTORIAL!

**THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WANTS TO
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR **MEDI-CAL** WHEN YOU NEED IT!**

Join us for a live tutorial on how to complete your annual renewal on BenefitsCal.com or using the forms you received in the mail.

**Register for one of our
upcoming tutorials**

GO TO:
bit.ly/mc-renewal-tutorial
OR
scan the QR Code to register



All tutorials will be held from

**11:00AM – 12:00PM
& 6:00PM – 7:00PM**

Upcoming tutorials

02/15/24 English	02/22/24 Spanish	02/28/24 Mandarin
03/06/24 Cantonese	03/13/24 Armenian	03/20/24 Korean



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Medi-Cal Expansion

Our Partner Agencies – DPH, DMH are assisting with communication efforts by:

- Creating Social Media content
- Creating fliers
- Sending emails
- Sending text messages

EXCITING NEWS FOR ADULTS AGES 26-49!

As of January 1, 2024, a new law in California allows adults aged 26-49, regardless of immigration status, to qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal, that includes:

- Doctor Visits
- Hospitalization
- Prescriptions
- Preventive Care

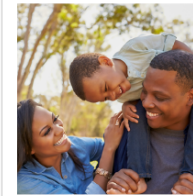
With full-scope Medi-Cal, aged, blind, and disabled individuals can apply for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. IHSS provides in-home assistance as an alternative to out-of-home care and enables recipients to remain safely in their own homes.



Apply for Medi-Cal now at [BenefitsCal.com](https://www.BenefitsCal.com)



Medi-Cal



MEDI-CAL EXPANSION

FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS
(AGES 26-49)

Starting January 1, 2024

- **EVERYONE** who is **income-eligible** can get “Full-Scope” Medi-Cal.
- **MEDI-CAL** is not a public charge!
- **APPLY** regardless of age and immigration status.



New! Starting January 2024,

full-scope Medi-Cal for you and your family, regardless of age and immigration status.



Healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and should be accessible to all Californians regardless of age and immigration status.

HOW TO APPLY:
Individuals can apply for Medi-Cal online, by phone, by mail, or in person by visiting your local county office or clinic. Apply for Medi-Cal today by [clicking here](https://www.BenefitsCal.com).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Beginning January 1, 2024, a new California law will allow all eligible people to get free or low cost full-scope Medi-Cal. Your immigration status and age do not matter. You can qualify if you have a low income.

PUBLIC CHARGE:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services do not consider the use of health, food, and housing benefits as part of the public charge determination. Therefore, using Medi-Cal benefits (except for residential nursing home or mental health institution care) will not impact an individual's immigration status. For more information on public charge, please [click here](https://www.dhs.gov/public-charge).

WHAT DOES IT COVER:

Full Scope Medi-Cal offers comprehensive coverage for you and your family.

- Doctor visits
- Hospital care
- Preventative care such as screenings and immunizations
- Prescribed medication
- Dental care
- Vision care
- Mental health care
- Substance use care
- Emergency services
- Referrals to specialists, and more

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RESTRICTED-SCOPE MEDI-CAL:

If you currently have restricted scope Medi-Cal, you do not need to fill out a new application for full scope Medi-Cal. If you qualify, you will be automatically enrolled. Full scope Medi-Cal is different from the restricted scope Medi-Cal you may have now. Restricted scope Medi-Cal only covers emergency services.

BENEFIT OF SCOPE:

Medi-Cal will never require payment to submit a renewal or application. If you get a call asking for payment to apply or renew, report it. Please call the Medi-Cal fraud hotline at (800) 822-6222.

Asset Elimination



As of January 1, 2024, assets such as bank accounts, cash, vehicles, and homes are no longer counted when determining Medi-Cal eligibility.

Benefits of the Change:

- More individuals qualify for Medical.
- More individuals have access to health care.
- Having assets will no longer negatively impact beneficiaries.



APPLYING FOR MEDI-CAL?

**Effective
January 1, 2024,
asset rules have
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Questions?