CAMARENA HEALTH

2027 MEDI-CAL

What should I do about Medi-Cal changes?

New work and community activity rules may affect some adults ages 19 to 64. Your county can tell you what applies to your case.

1. Open and read your notice

Look for what the county is asking you to do and the date it is due. Check your mail or sign in to BenefitsCal if you receive electronic notices.

2. Check your renewal date

Keep your address and phone number current with the county. Some adults will move to renewals every six months. Follow the date on your own renewal notice.

3. Get help early

Bring the notice to Camarena Health if you need help with a renewal, proof of activities or a possible exemption. If coverage is ending or a deadline has passed, contact your county right away.

Important dates

January 1, 2027 is the scheduled federal start date for the work rule. California has asked to move it to July 1, 2027. July 1 is a requested date.
Your deadline is the date on your county notice. Respond by that date.

Need help with Medi-Cal?

(559) 664-4000 Call to schedule an appointment with our Insurance Enrollment Specialist.

BenefitsCal DHCS renewal instructions

DHCS timing update: California’s request

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What if my Medi-Cal coverage changes?

I missed my renewal deadline

If your Medi-Cal ended because you missed renewal paperwork, contact your county right away. You may have up to 90 days to turn in the missing information without filing a new application.

My coverage was denied, reduced or ended

If you disagree, you can ask for a State Fair Hearing. Follow the instructions on your Notice of Action. Ask for help right away if you want your coverage to continue while your case is reviewed. An earlier deadline may apply.

Someone in my household got a notice

The work requirement applies to certain adults. Ask the county which family member the notice is for, what they need to do, and when it is due.

Other Medi-Cal changes to watch for

January 1, 2027: Some members will move from a Medi-Cal health plan to Fee-for-Service (also called straight Medi-Cal). If you get a notice, ask whether your current providers accept Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal.

July 1, 2027: Some adults will have emergency-only dental coverage based on their Medi-Cal eligibility. If you get a notice, ask what dental services are covered for you.

Need help understanding a notice?

(559) 664-4000 Call to schedule an appointment with our Insurance Enrollment Specialist. Bring your notice if you have it.

DHCS renewal FAQs

DHCS State Fair Hearing

DHCS Fee-for-Service notice

DHCS dental changes

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What to expect at renewal

Your county may renew you automatically

The county first checks information it already has. If it can renew your coverage, it will send you a notice. If it needs more information, it will ask you for it. Read each notice to see whether you need to respond.

If the county asks for proof, respond promptly

A request for proof of work, other activities or an exemption may give you 30 days to respond. Follow the due date on your notice. Send only what is requested and keep a copy or confirmation.

Some renewals will happen every six months

DHCS lists March 1, 2027 as the start of six-month renewals for some adults. Check the renewal date on your own notice.

Ask about other exemptions

You may qualify if you are a veteran with a total disability rating, are in drug or alcohol treatment, or already meet work requirements through CalFresh or CalWORKs. Ask the county about your situation.

Apply early if you have unpaid medical bills

For applications starting January 1, 2027, eligible past bills may be covered for up to one month before applying for adults in the New Adult Group, or up to two months for other groups. Tell the county about unpaid bills when you apply.

Got a notice about immigration-related coverage or a monthly premium? Bring it to Insurance Enrollment for help understanding what applies to you.

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Could I be exempt?

An exemption means you may be excused from the work or community activity rule. The county can review what applies to you.

Situations to ask about

You are pregnant or recently had a baby. You care for a child age 13 or younger or a person with a disability. You have a disability, serious health condition or certain Medicare coverage. Other exemptions may apply.

If something temporary got in the way

Tell us if you were hospitalized or had to travel outside your community for serious medical care for yourself or a dependent. Ask if a short-term hardship option applies.

What to bring

Bring any Medi-Cal notice you received. If the county asks for proof, we can help you understand what it is requesting and how to respond.

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DHCS exemption guidance

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What activities count?

If the rule applies to you, you may already meet it through work, school, volunteering or an approved work program.

Work, volunteer or participate in a work program

Generally, 80 hours a month of qualifying activities can count. You may be able to combine activities, such as work and community service.

Meet the earnings or school option

You may qualify by earning at least $580 in a month or by enrolling in an education program at least half-time.

Keep a record

Save pay stubs, school enrollment records, or a log of volunteer or program hours. Follow your county notice for which month and documents it asks you to verify.

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Find local job training

Get help finding training, building skills or preparing for a job. Ask each program about openings, eligibility and costs.

Madera, Oakhurst and Chowchilla

Madera County Workforce Assistance Center | (559) 662-4500
Ask about training, apprenticeships and career counseling.

Fresno

Fresno EOC Training and Employment | (559) 264-1048
Ask which training and employment programs are open to you.

Los Banos

Los Banos Workforce Resource Center | (209) 710-6140
Ask about job search support and training referrals.

Before you sign up

If you want training to count toward Medi-Cal, ask the county whether the specific program qualifies.

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Madera County Workforce Fresno EOC Los Banos workforce office

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