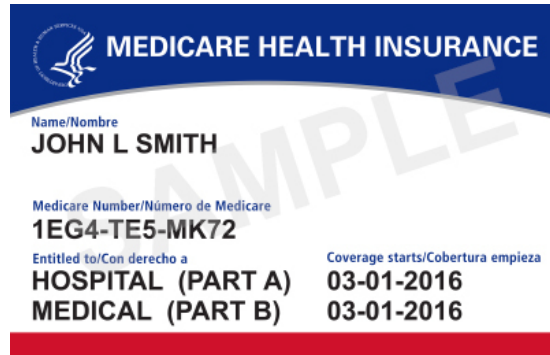


# Medi-Cal Changes in January 2023

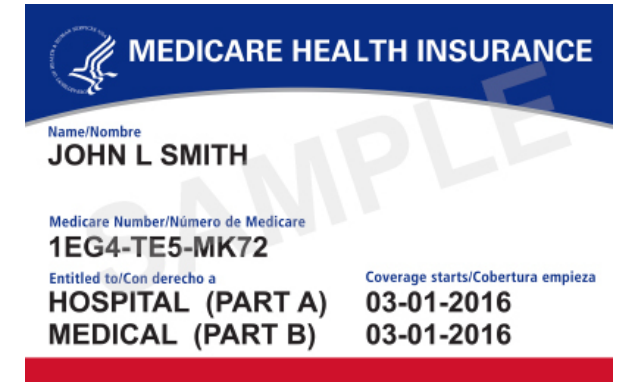
## For People with Both Medicare and Medi-Cal



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# Medicare and Medi-Cal

- » Some people have both Medicare and Medi-Cal.
- » Medicare covers doctor visits, hospital stays, labs, prescription drugs, and other benefits.
- » Medi-Cal covers Medicare Part B premiums, copays, adult day health care, skilled nursing facility care, dental, and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS).
- » Most people who have Medi-Cal in California are enrolled in a Medi-Cal managed care plan.



# Medi-Cal Managed Care Transition

- In January 2023, Medi-Cal coverage in some counties will change from Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal, to Medi-Cal Managed Care.
- Notices about this change, with Medi-Cal plan choices, will be sent by November 1 and December 1, 2022.
- **This change for Medi-Cal will NOT change your Medicare or IHSS providers or benefits.**



# No Changes to Medicare or IHSS

- Enrolling in a Medi-Cal plan does NOT change your Medicare benefits or providers.
- You can still see your Medicare providers, with any Medi-Cal plan.
- You can stay in Original Medicare, or choose a Medicare Advantage plan.
- Your Medicare providers do NOT need to join your Medi-Cal plan.
- Your IHSS providers and authorized hours do NOT change when you join a Medi-Cal plan.

# Choosing a Medi-Cal Plan

- You will get information in the mail about the Medi-Cal plan choices in your county.
- These are the ways you can choose a plan:
  - **By phone:** Call Health Care Options at 1-800-430-4263
  - **By mail:** You will receive a choice form by mail. You can make your plan choice on that form and return it by mail.
  - **Online:** Go to [www.healthcareoptions.dhcs.ca.gov](http://www.healthcareoptions.dhcs.ca.gov)
  - **Meet with someone in-person** from Health Care Options.

# Other Medi-Cal Information

- » **Balance Billing is Illegal:** Medicare providers, like doctors and hospitals, cannot bill patients with Medi-Cal for Medicare cost sharing.
- » **Medi-Cal Asset Limit Increase:** Effective July 1, 2022, the Medi-Cal asset limit increased to \$130,000 for one person and \$65,000 for each additional person (up to ten maximum). Medi-Cal income limits still apply.
- » **Older Adult Expansion:** Medi-Cal eligibility now includes all low-income adults age 50 and older, regardless of immigration status.