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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Information Letter No.: I 07-04

**TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISON**

**SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU (PUB 68 ENGLISH/SPANISH)**

Purpose:

Advise counties of updates to PUB 68.

- PUB 68 (July 2007), MEDI-CAL WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU (ENGLISH/SPANISH), replaces PUB 68 (NOV 2005).
- PUB 68 (July 2007) will be available from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Warehouse beginning in mid November 2007.

Details:

The changes to PUB 68 improve flow, improve clarity or accommodate new information within the existing format.

Summary of the changes to PUB 68:

- Updates:

*Cover:* The Medi-Cal logo replaces the previous graphic.  
*Table of Contents:* Eliminates Section 16 (PUB 68 NOV 2005 version) and renumbers other sections.

*Department Name:* The new department name, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), is incorporated throughout the publication.

*County/State Contacts:* Contact information for county welfare departments and state offices is updated.

*Allowable Assets/Property:* Allowable amount an at home spouse can keep when the other one spouse is in a medical institution or nursing facility in Section 5 is updated to \$101,640.

Edits:

*Dental Care:* Beginning on the first page of Section 2 references to the availability of dental care coverage are inserted throughout PUB 68.

*Noncitizen Victims of Human Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (TCVAP):* A new paragraph about TCVAP is added to Section 2.

*Medi-Cal Savings Programs:* Section 2, Paragraph F is revised.

*Former Foster Child Program:* Section 2 D makes clear that former foster children are eligible if they are in foster care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP):* Section 2, Paragraph H. is clarified.

*Residency:* Section 6, first paragraph clarifies exemption for adoption and foster care beneficiaries.

*Verification/Proof:* Section 9, B Items 3 and 4 are replaced for consistency with current citizenship policy.

*Benefit Identification Cards:* Sections 14 and 16 are revised. Old Section 16 (PUB 68 Nov 2005) is deleted. Information about the paper card is incorporated into Section 14.

*Managed Care:* Sections 25 and 26 are renumbered (old numbers 26 and 27) and revised for clarity.

*Buy In:* Section 31, paragraph 9, Medicare Premium Payment Program (Buy In) is revised.

Required Action:

- Counties must discontinue use of PUB 68 (Nov 2005) no later than February 1, 2008.

Availability and Ordering:

- PUB 68 (July 2007) is now available on the DHCS website at:  
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Pages/MCEBbyNumber.aspx>
- Counties are to follow the standard order procedure to obtain a supply of the updated PUB 68 (July 2007) from the DHCS Warehouse by submitting a Forms Order (DHS 2031).

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