



Governor's May Revise Quick and Dirty Overview of Health Care Cuts

The Governor's proposed cuts are in addition to the Governor's January budget proposals to impose Quarterly Status Reports on Medi-Cal recipients, eliminate adult dental and 9 other benefits that are not required by federal law, reduce most provider reimbursement payments by 10%, increase co-payments and premiums to Healthy Families enrollees, impose an annual per-person cap on Healthy Families dental costs of \$1000.

In addition, the Governor now proposes to:

Reduce the allowable income level for families applying for Section 1931(b) to the CalWORKS level, approximately 68% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or \$975/month for a family of three down from 100% of FPL, or \$1467 monthly and reinstating the "100 hour rule" that the family's principal wage earner must work less than 100 hours/month.

Reduce benefits to restricted-scope only, instead of current full-scope, for those legal immigrants who have been in the US five years or less and to PRUCOL immigrants.

Implement a monthly eligibility requirement for emergency services for undocumented immigrants, except pregnant women.

Delay implementation of SB 437 (2006) which allows for a Medi-Cal self-certification pilot and other streamlining measures.

Provide a \$170 million increase for a Medi-Cal managed care health care plan rate adjustment.

Contract, on a pay-for-performance basis, with a vendor to attempt to reduce spending on durable medical equipment, such as wheelchairs.

Income programs

The cuts below are in addition to the Governor's January budget proposals to eliminate cash grants affecting nearly 200,000 children in the CalWORKs Program:

Cuts CalWORKs grants by 5%.

Suspends the October 2008 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for CalWORKs cash payments. In February, the Governor signed legislation to delay the July 2008 COLA to October 2008.

Does not "pass through" to SSI/SSP recipients the January 2009 federal SSI COLA.

Eliminates the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) which provides state-funded cash assistance to approximately 10,000 elderly and/or disabled legal immigrants who are not eligible for SSI/SSP payments due to their immigration status.