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Rosie Reyes: It's already doing it.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Oh, meeting AI companion is on.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Okay, so that.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Got it.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Okay, cool. So, and I'm transcribing.

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Rosie Reyes: Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So we're gonna have 2 different sources. And then you can see what you prefer.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Okay.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Alright. Thank you.

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Rosie Reyes: Yeah, there's also a couple other um apps around. I don't know if you guys would like to try them that do uh other and analyze others. Um data within the meeting.

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Rosie Reyes: And do other things besides. Note taking.

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Rosie Reyes: I'm not sure if that's something you guys would be interested in.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: We can look at them after. Thank you so much.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So, okay, we got one more minute.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And we got.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: About 20, some people in the.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Waiting room.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: You know the last training I did with Bila.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: I got on early and.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: I think I freaked out Alex, because I was like, oh, I just put socks on because it was kind of cold. She's like we might be recording.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: I was like oops we weren't, but I was like.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: You know, just like I'm like Liz. Think before you speak I didn't need to tell her my feet were cold.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: I mean, there's really, that's that's okay. It's not like.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: But I'm saying it now, because now it's it's it's taking in everything that we're saying.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: All right. Here's Ken. I'm going to get the music going, and then we can let him in.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And get them signed in. Okay? Cool.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Did you start transcribing like, just a little while? Okay? Good.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yes.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: A.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Yeah, maybe a little lower.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Amen!

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: A.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: 好

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: 好

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: 好

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: All right, Celia, all you.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Hi! Everybody! Good morning!

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um happy. July.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Thanks thanks to everyone who's joined us today. If you haven't already done so, please sign in in the chat.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And we'll start off by acknowledging that um. July is minority, mental health, awareness. Month.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Where we address health, inequities, cultural biases, generational trauma, stigmas, barriers to care.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Uh racism and discrimination which is just so fitting, considering everything that we are facing these days.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And all the attacks on our client. Population.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: The anti-immigrant rhetoric, the profiling that's taking place, the ice raids and violations of human rights.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: The cuts to benefits and programs that we're going to hear about later today.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um and.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Our client population is living in free air, especially those who have been directly impacted.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: By having you know their spouses, children, family members, detained and deported.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: It's all very sad, Mchas, I'm sure many of you.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um um has seen a substantial drop in clients wanting to apply for coverage.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: For health coverage and for calfresh benefits, and for those that are already receiving health insurance or health coverage through medical and other programs, or receiving calfresh benefits.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: They're still hesitant about retaining their benefits, and they're scared to continue receiving those benefits. Even those.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Who have satisfactory migration status.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: People are not going to their medical appointments.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And some are not even leaving their homes at all.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: We're so grateful to everyone, all our partners like you, and outside and beyond.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Who have stepped up to the plate to advocate and educate.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And to who have basically amped up their services, to be able to provide home deliveries of diapers, goods, food services, other resources, to help people.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Get what they need, and especially for all the time that is being spent educating the public and easing their fears.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And keeping people engaged, despite isolation, which is critical, and so very fitting with.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Mental health, awareness, month, minority, mental health, awareness, month. Um, the work that we do is um more important than ever. So thank you. All of you.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: We're going to move into reviewing this month's agenda briefly. So we'll have Lucy Patinella from multi forum advocacy solutions. She's going to come on in a bit to talk about.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: The dreaded cuts, State and Federal cuts. So she'll be coming on. We'll also hear from Marcella and Liz later about calfresh and medical updates.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: In our mailing. I just want to quickly go over our mailing a big thank you. To all of those who contributed towards our \$29 for 29 years. So Mcha has been around for 29 years, and we did this little.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Campaign and and plea for donations, and we receive contributions from many of you. Thank you so much, and please keep the donations coming. They're very welcome.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um in our meetings from last month. Um.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Lynn provided an overview on the managed care benefit the Medicare, the.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Medically tailored meals, the medically supported food, Mtm. Mtf. And explain that

meals are one of the 14 community support benefits through managed care.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um. Medical meals are often paired with enhanced care management, but there are 2 very different eligible eligibility criteria, and there's a lot of details about this in our minutes.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: So you can refer to the minutes from last month.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Lynn's overview was followed by presentations from Carolina, Jantak from Ga. Foods.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Brianna Moncada from Mom's meals, and Nancy Lopez from Project Angel Food.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Who provided really great info on medical meals relating to pregnancy.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Pre and postpartum medical meals for complex or chronic medical conditions like diabetes, heart disease, renal failure, chronic diseases, behavioral health and post hospital discharge services, and you could also refer to the mailing for more detailed information.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: In this mailing. Um, there are links uh several links. One link is from um attorney, general.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Robert Bonta regarding a lawsuit. California filed against the trump administration for illegal, illegally sharing that personal.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Medical information of beneficiaries with the Department of Homeland Security.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Also a link is a brief from every every mother counts regarding the displacement of women and the effects of poor maternal. The effects on poor maternal health, outcomes.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Very interesting piece on that.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: A link to a report from gender Equity Policy Institute on maternal mortality in the Us. After abortion bans showing that women in abortion ban states face double the risk of death.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And another link again from Attorney General Banta's office regarding the 3rd Annual state of Pride Report in honor of pride. Month.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: That discusses the Department of Justice actions to support, uplift, and defend.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Lgbtq communities in California with a link to the hate crime, rapid response, protocol.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: So if you have any questions on that, all those links are available in the minutes, and

there was a few save the dates included. 1 1 is for today. It's a rally to support trans youth and gender affirming care.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: At Chla Children's Hospital to protest.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: The hospital's decision to close their center for trans. Youth.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: If you can't make the rally today, you could send a letter to the Attorney General.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And to Children's Hospital Leadership.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And there are also links available in the mailing.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: July 23rd There's a webinar organized by the special Olympics and Lakeshore foundation regarding guidelines to include people with disabilities and health promotion.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And then on September 25, th there's a session organized by breastfeed la.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Titled sacred support, understanding, breastfeeding. In the context of Islam and Muslim cultures.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um, so all those links.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Are available.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: I'm not sure if Lucy is on um. She is on Lucy. Is it? Okay? We bring you on a little earlier, because I I will wait to hear from you.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Before bringing on Um Liz, with additional medical updates, and Marcella.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, that's fine.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: We'll pull up your presentation. So I want to introduce Lucy Quachanella, who is from.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Multifarm advocacy solutions who works with us. And we're so.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Blessed and fortunate to have her, because she always just present.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: It's the most clear.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um information. That's not always.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Pleasant information, but brings a lot of clarity to us, so that we could better understand how to serve.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Our clients, and how to inform our clients of.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: What to expect. So thank you, Lucy, for coming on, and um and.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And, Lucy, I made you a co-host, so not sure if you want to do your own slides, or would you like me to.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think I'll do my own.

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Lucy Quacinella: Celia, thank you for that very generous and lovely introduction.

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Lucy Quacinella: And let me just see real quick folks if I can get to.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh this sharing uh space here in zoom. Yeah, there's the share.

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Lucy Quacinella: And there's the Powerpoint.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh! And with any luck here.

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Lucy Quacinella: I'll be able to show it to you. Can you all see it.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, is it on your screen?

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Not yet. Not yet. Okay, now we can.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, very good. Uh. So let's get started. Um. But before we no, let's see.

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Lucy Quacinella: I'm not sure why it's not letting me go forward so.

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Lucy Quacinella: There we go um before we jump into the details. I just want everyone to remember to always take deep breaths.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. Because what's happening now is, as Celia said. You know, amongst the more unpleasant things that the community.

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Lucy Quacinella: Has had to face. So let's just be real about that, right, it's going to be historically tough.

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Lucy Quacinella: But we will be able to get through this and come out on the other side. We just really have to stay focused on that.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think, sustaining and building these mutual support and advocacy networks that we've all been developing over decades now.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is really going to pay off.

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Lucy Quacinella: And we'll be able to mitigate some of the worst parts of the new Federal laws.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because we fortunately live in a state that's not.

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Lucy Quacinella: Down with what the trump administration is doing right. So to the extent that the new Federal laws give our State any wiggle room.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think we have a fairly good shot at working with our State to implement in the least harmful ways.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. We have lots of partners, and if we can.

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Lucy Quacinella: Continue to work in partnership and use everybody's brain. It can really leverage the resource.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, I find that working in community really helps me not only stay focused, but also to fight out off despair. Right? It's 1 of the biggest things I personally do for my mental health.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is just stay connected to community. So I think, you know, we need to remind ourselves that we have to find the opportunities to feel joy in our personal life, in our professional life.

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Lucy Quacinella: Wherever we can. And we sure as heck have a renewed sense of purpose. Right? They're trying to take away everything we've built up in decades.

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Lucy Quacinella: Our purpose is to hold on to what's there, and to build back.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then accountability. Remember, we need to hold the people responsible for this, accountable in all the ways possible.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, so let's dive in.

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Lucy Quacinella: You're looking at a chart here, and I think it's fair to ask the question, what just happened to the United States of America?

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Lucy Quacinella: On July 4, th 2025, when Trump signed the new Federal budget right? And you can see on the top of this chart on the right hand side.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's shaded in pink or red right? That shows how.

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Lucy Quacinella: Big. The Federal deficit will be growing in the next 10 years.

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Lucy Quacinella: And at that very top line. The reason for this explosion in the Federal deficit.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is to pay for tax cuts.

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Lucy Quacinella: To large, profitable corporations and very wealthy Americans right? And then, if you look down at the bottom left hand side of this chart, you can see that a very large amount of the money that's going to these tax cuts for the rich.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is coming out of Medicaid, which is, of course, medi-cal in our State.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then sadly, in about the middle of the chart.

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Lucy Quacinella: You can see that the new spending on border and immigration control.

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Lucy Quacinella: Exceeds the spending for the military.

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Lucy Quacinella: Shocking, but that's where it is.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that's kind of where we ended up. We're taking money out of.

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Lucy Quacinella: Family supports and putting it into tax cuts for the rich, and to police immigrants.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um the interest payments alone on the Us. Debt.

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Lucy Quacinella: Are greater than what we spend on military.

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Lucy Quacinella: So this is in part why, the bond market is going crazy right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Clearly the United States has the ability.

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Lucy Quacinella: To choose a more equitable tax policy. Right? It's not that we don't have a way to raise the money.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's that the people in power have chosen to spend it in ways that are not equitable.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think we can't underscore enough, and this pains me to say it, and I'm not trying to alarm anyone. You all are in Los Angeles. You know better than most.

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Lucy Quacinella: But I don't think we can avoid the fact that we really are living in a police state, right? The Us. Marines, the National Guard.

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Lucy Quacinella: Are under the control of the Federal Government in our State. And, as I've pointed out, this new Federal Government budget.

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Lucy Quacinella: Has just supercharged the amount of funding that will be available.

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Lucy Quacinella: For border enforcement, for ice.

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Lucy Quacinella: To build more prisons.

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Lucy Quacinella: To really police these communities. And I think we also have to be aware of the fact.

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Lucy Quacinella: That the targets won't end with immigrants. Right? It starts with the quote, unquote, least unpopular communities.

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Lucy Quacinella: Trans people, immigrants, and others.

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Lucy Quacinella: It never ends there in this kind of a situation. So we're all in this together.

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Lucy Quacinella: More on the bad news side. Most of today's discussion will be about the the Federal budget and the state budget.

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Lucy Quacinella: But I think we have to put all of this in context right, because the federal budget is just part of a larger agenda.

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Lucy Quacinella: And they're moving very quickly at the Federal level.

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Lucy Quacinella: On July 10th there was a new Federal rule.

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Lucy Quacinella: There is a thirty-day comment period, but this rule is already in effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: And it excludes undocumented people from a number of very important public health and other programs. So, for example, as of July 10.th

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Lucy Quacinella: Undocumented children are no longer eligible for head start.

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Lucy Quacinella: And, as you can see from this list, there are many other, you know, public health really important programs.

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Lucy Quacinella: That the undocumented have been excluded from. There are a lot of really smart people looking at this, trying to find ways to, you know, respond, and address it.

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Lucy Quacinella: But we just have to be aware that the landscape is really changing very rapidly even before the new Federal budget. All of its provisions take effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: So now let's look at this new Federal law and focus.

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Lucy Quacinella: Mostly on the impacts on health care. Let's also remember that there are groups of immigrants who do remain eligible.

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Lucy Quacinella: Even though they are immigrants under our State medical program and the Mcap, which is, you know, the Chip program.

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Lucy Quacinella: Covered California with the advanced premium tax credits and Medicare. Right? So let's not forget that under this Federal law.

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Lucy Quacinella: They have preserved eligibility for people who have green cards right now. The Federal funding.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is, you know, still subject to that 5 year bar right? And in California we've covered these folks with State only money.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, but the Federal law still allows them to be covered after their 1st 5 years with Federal match.

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Lucy Quacinella: The Cuban and Haitian entrants remain eligible for Federal funding, and this the Kofa nations.

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Lucy Quacinella: Also remain eligible, and then at state option. The lawfully residing children and pregnant people can qualify in our State for medi-cal.

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Lucy Quacinella: In the Mcat program. And California does definitely cover that. Okay? So those groups are still protected in our state.

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Lucy Quacinella: But um. The real question is.

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Lucy Quacinella: You know. Will other States continue to cover them without the Federal money.

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Lucy Quacinella: Of the groups that aren't included right. And I'm going to talk about those groups in a minute.

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Lucy Quacinella: And even though they're still covered in California, that does put pressure on our state budget, right? So there are issues that we're going to have to be looking at when these.

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Lucy Quacinella: Federal changes withdrawing Federal matching funds go into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now for medi-cal and the Mc program that will start in October of 2026. So close to the midterms right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then for covered California with the Aptcs, the subsidies for the premiums.

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Lucy Quacinella: That'll start for the tax year after 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then there are also Medicare eligibility cuts scheduled to go into effect sometime in December of 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: And again for California. The question is, will we find the State money? Will we find.

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Lucy Quacinella: The non-federal money to keep the following groups in.

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Lucy Quacinella: So these are the groups that we currently cover.

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Lucy Quacinella: In our California programs and that are currently covered under Federal law that are scheduled.

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Lucy Quacinella: To be excluded, and it's heartbreaking right, like refugees who is more vetted than a refugee to come into this country.

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Lucy Quacinella: People who have been granted asylum, who go through so many hoops.

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Lucy Quacinella: To, you know, demonstrate their eligibility to be here. The Iraq and Afghan special immigrant visa folks, trafficking survivors.

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Lucy Quacinella: You've got the list right now. Again. These are excluded from Federal funds.

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Lucy Quacinella: We're just going to have to work to make sure we're able to find the State funds to keep them. After October, when these cuts go into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: In covered California and exchanges in other States.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's even a grimmer picture right on the left hand side. We've got the same groups that we just saw being excluded from Federal funding.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um under medicaid and chip. But then, on the right hand side, there are additional groups of immigrants that this new Federal law excludes.

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Lucy Quacinella: And I'm going to talk in a few more slides about the 3rd one down the Dacas.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because that's slated to go into effect really, really soon. In August of this year, unfortunately.

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Lucy Quacinella: But you can see it's a dramatic change in where the Federal money.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, you know, is being taken from, and it's gonna be a real challenge for state budgets.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, so let's move into some of the nitty gritty with the medi-cal program.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. There are unfortunately changes that you know. Congress approved, and the President signed.

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Lucy Quacinella: On retroactive eligibility. It is important to keep in mind that.

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Lucy Quacinella: This change treats different categories of medical beneficiaries differently, so.

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Lucy Quacinella: 1st up are the expansion adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, the adults ages 19 to 64 who have income to 138% of poverty.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now retroactive eligibility for them at present goes 3 months.

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Lucy Quacinella: But when this change goes into effect it will be cut down to one month.

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Lucy Quacinella: For other categories. So children.

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Lucy Quacinella: Pregnant individuals, aged, blind, disabled.

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Lucy Quacinella: Those folks will have retros for 2 months down from 3 months, and this starts in December or after 2026, right? So, starting January 1, 2027.

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Lucy Quacinella: So it just means people will have much less time to try and get insurance if they happen to have.

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Lucy Quacinella: And or a work accident when they're uninsured.

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Lucy Quacinella: Say you have a pregnant person who delivers when she's uninsured, or there's a medically, you know, difficult miscarriage, while uninsured.

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Lucy Quacinella: Folks are going to have less time to get in and apply for their medical to be covered for the retro coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: And of course this means that the healthcare navigators, the outreach and enrollment folks.

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Lucy Quacinella: Are going to have a lot more work to do getting people in.

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Lucy Quacinella: Let's now also look at redeterminations, as folks know.

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Lucy Quacinella: At present redeterminations happen at least once every year.

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Lucy Quacinella: This change in the federal law applies only to the expansion. Adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, they're going to have to have their redeterminations done at least once every 6 months.

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Lucy Quacinella: Again the burdens on the healthcare navigators, the outreach and enrollment folks.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um will, you know, be basically doubled for this population.

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Lucy Quacinella: The Governor's office estimates that 400,000 people will lose medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because of this change, not because they're no longer eligible, but because people have a hard time keeping up with the additional paperwork right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And I think we also have to remember that this undermines.

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Lucy Quacinella: Going on and off coverage. The churning it undermines interconception, care, and it also, you know, is bad for fathers. Right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because they're an important part of family supports, and their eligibility, you know, is at risk every 6 months. This starts, you know, in early 2027. So after.

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Lucy Quacinella: December of 2026. Given these crazy making changes just a reminder to the outreach enrollment and healthcare navigator folks.

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Lucy Quacinella: That it's even more important than ever. Once these changes go into effect to make sure clients get into the quote unquote, right, eligibility, category right?

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Lucy Quacinella: Because this change redeterminations every 6 months only applies to the expansion. Adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: So if you're a pregnant person.

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Lucy Quacinella: Then you redetermine at the end of your 12 month postpartum period. Right? So it's important that if you enroll in medi-cal as an adult, but then become pregnant.

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Lucy Quacinella: You want to let the county know now, for 2 reasons, you know, one reason is so you don't miss out on your 12 month post pregnancy.

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Lucy Quacinella: But the other reason is, you want to make sure you don't get caught up in 6 month. Redeterminations.

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Lucy Quacinella: And one more point, Liz, and then I'm happy to take a question. Another really common example here is, say, you have, you know, a mother and father with young kids in the home.

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Lucy Quacinella: And you know, they're working now. And so their income is like 123% of poverty. Right? They'll be in the adult group.

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Lucy Quacinella: But let's say something happens, and their income drops.

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Lucy Quacinella: So if it drops down to below, at or below 109% of poverty, then they can switch to the parent caretaker relative category, and they get redetermined once a year. So.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's crazy making. But it is important to keep these things in mind. And again, this will increase.

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Lucy Quacinella: The need for and the impacts on our healthcare navigators. Liz.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: I was just at wondering.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Do you think they're targeting this population because the Federal matches that is such a higher rate.

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Lucy Quacinella: The beds. Uh, yes, I think that's part of it, but I also think.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's maybe even more.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because there's this notion that adults on Medicaid nationally are deadbeats right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Why don't they have their own insurance? Why don't they get a job that has insurance? Why aren't they paying out of pocket for their own insurance?

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Lucy Quacinella: Medicaid is only supposed to be, for, quote unquote, the deserving poor. Right. This goes back to even before Reagan. It goes back to Fdr.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's like, you know, we want as few people as possible.

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Lucy Quacinella: On these public programs. So okay, seniors, although that was a big fight during the depression.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. People with disabilities. Again. Another big fight going back to Franklin, Delano Roosevelt right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. Pregnant women. Okay, children, but no more. You know, we we've got to quit expanding. I think it's the ideological fight.

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Lucy Quacinella: About the role of government versus individual responsibility, not acknowledging that this population is already working. That's number one. The data show that.

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Lucy Quacinella: And number 2. They don't earn enough to buy insurance on the private market without subsidies.

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Lucy Quacinella: And their employers aren't providing it. So I think it's that in combination with the matching rate stuff.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah. A toxic brew, for sure.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Thank you.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah. Okay, so then let's get into work requirements. You know. That was a great question, Liz, to tee this up.

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Lucy Quacinella: So keep in mind that this new work requirement provision applies only to the expansion. Adults. Okay.

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Lucy Quacinella: And it starts January 1, 2027. Unless the State cms the Feds.

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Lucy Quacinella: Grant a State permission to start earlier. Now some States are chafing at the bit to do this stuff, but I really don't think California will ask for early permission.

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Lucy Quacinella: The Federal guidance isn't due out until June of 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's possible the Feds may issue guidance sooner. But there are a lot of questions we won't be able to answer about the implementation until we see the Federal guidance.

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Lucy Quacinella: In the meantime, looking at the statute we know.

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Lucy Quacinella: That these requirements will not apply to someone who becomes pregnant or is in the postpartum period. So again, you may start out as an adult in the adult medical category.

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Lucy Quacinella: But if you become pregnant, you definitely want to let the county know, so you can be moved into the pregnant person.

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Lucy Quacinella: Eligibility group, and then you'll be exempt from the work reporting requirements. Same thing. There's an exemption in the law for parents caring for a child 13 or younger.

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Lucy Quacinella: Well, if you're in the adult group. And you, you know, have kids in this age group, you need to make sure the county knows about that.

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Lucy Quacinella: Or say, you know you have stepkids who come, and you're caring for them, you know, changes in family situations where a 13 year old or younger, is now in the home.

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Lucy Quacinella: Again, you'll be able to have an exemption from the work reporting requirement. If you're in this situation.

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Lucy Quacinella: Individuals with disabilities will also be exempt. We need to understand a little bit better about how that will be defined, improved.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. There will also be other short term hardship exemptions. For example, if there's a wildfire, an earthquake, a tsunami floods that kind of thing.

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Lucy Quacinella: Someone gets really sick and they have to go into the hospital for a time. High unemployment in a certain area.

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Lucy Quacinella: So we just really need to wait to see the Federal guidance on how these sorts of things.

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Lucy Quacinella: Will be implemented. But again, I think with our state we want to be ready.

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Lucy Quacinella: To argue for the most generous exemptions possible.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. The requirement, if you know it does apply to a person, is that they be in a job or engaged with other community activities for at least 80 HA month.

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Lucy Quacinella: So certain types of education, job training, volunteer activities and other kinds of things.

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Lucy Quacinella: May be covered again. We need to, you know. See the Regs from the Feds to make sure how broad that will be.

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Lucy Quacinella: And there will be special ways to count hours for the seasonal workers that is in the Federal statute. But again, you know, what exactly does it mean?

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Lucy Quacinella: And people who are not exempt and have to comply with this requirement will have to show that they met it for a time period before the application is submitted. Right.

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Lucy Quacinella: So it kind of catches everybody everywhere who is subject to the requirement.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now one of the biggest turtles is going to be. Yes.

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Rosie Reyes: Lucy, I'm sorry to interrupt. There's 2 questions on chat. I don't know if you would.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yes, please.

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Rosie Reyes: Uh the 1st ones from melody.

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Rosie Reyes: Uh. So you, just to confirm retroactive coverage, has been reduced from 3 months to one month, and renewals will now be for the expansion. Adults only every.

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Rosie Reyes: 6 months, instead of annually.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, those are not in effect yet. So let's go back and look at that on the renewals.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's this slide here. So that goes into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh starting, December 31, st 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: See that 3rd bullet there.

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Lucy Quacinella: So basically January one.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, so let's keep that in mind. Nothing has changed today.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that's point number one, right? That's, you know, important to keep in mind. We still have 3 month retro today.

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Lucy Quacinella: But then starting, you know, when this goes into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: For the adults. They'll only have one month retro.

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Lucy Quacinella: And for everybody else. So the children.

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Lucy Quacinella: The pregnant women.

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Lucy Quacinella: People with disabilities, seniors.

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Lucy Quacinella: Your traditional medical folks.

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll only have 2 months.

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Lucy Quacinella: But again, this doesn't start until after 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. And you guys will have these slides, because I know it's a lot of information and a lot of dates to keep track of.

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Lucy Quacinella: And we do have a little bit of time to continue with trainings and get this down right.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that's on the retroactive.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then on the redeterminations.

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Lucy Quacinella: This? Um, only the change applies only to the adults with income up to 138% of poverty right?

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Lucy Quacinella: So not to the pregnant women.

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Lucy Quacinella: Not to the children, not to the seniors and people with disabilities.

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Lucy Quacinella: Just these adults with income to a hundred, 38%.

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Lucy Quacinella: They're the ones who are going to have to go through redetermination every 6 months instead of once a year.

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Lucy Quacinella: I hope that helps.

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Rosie Reyes: Uh the next. Oh, sorry!

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Lucy Quacinella: And with Rosie, yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: No go.

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Rosie Reyes: Sorry. The the next question is, can you share website from Irene?

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Rosie Reyes: I'm not sure what website she's referring to.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, which website?

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: I think she's referring probably to ours that I think she was asking about if your presentation was going to be made available, and I said on our website. So I'll go ahead and type it in the in the chat.

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Rosie Reyes: Oh!

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Okay? And last question from Stephanie, will er medical still be offered for these non qualified individuals for er visits, etc?

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Lucy Quacinella: Yes, yes, and we'll talk a little bit more about that.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um so.

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Lucy Quacinella: The changes in.

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Lucy Quacinella: Federal matching funds for the lawfully present immigrants.

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Lucy Quacinella: Only, apply.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh! Hold up!

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Lucy Quacinella: Yes, they only apply to the non-emergency services, and I will clarify that on the slide.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's a great question.

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Lucy Quacinella: The changes are only for the non-emergency services.

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Lucy Quacinella: For the immigrants. So, for example, if you're undocumented.

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Lucy Quacinella: You still have access to emergency. Medicaid. If you meet all the requirements.

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Lucy Quacinella: And similarly, if you're here lawfully, but you're no longer in a Federal match category. So, for example, in the future, when this goes into effect in 2027.

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Lucy Quacinella: For example, the refugees they will qualify for emergency Medicaid. We'll get the Federal matching funds.

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Lucy Quacinella: For the emergency. Keep in mind that in California.

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Lucy Quacinella: We may not make any of these changes right, but we're gonna have to come up with the state money to do that.

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Lucy Quacinella: And so that's the challenge. Right? What's gonna get cut.

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Lucy Quacinella: If we don't have enough money to pick up what the Feds have taken away.

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Lucy Quacinella: Does that help.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Thanks, Luz.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, yeah. Moving. Along. Um.

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Lucy Quacinella: So we were talking, talking about the work, reporting requirements.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um and.

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Lucy Quacinella: We have to also take into account that when these requirements go into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: For the adults. Right? The expansion population, adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, people are gonna have to report, and then their report is gonna have to be verified.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now the Federal law does say.

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Lucy Quacinella: That the verification on you know your 80 h of work or other community engagement.

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Lucy Quacinella: That whenever possible, the the law says, when possible, the verification should happen, ex parte.

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Lucy Quacinella: Which means like, Okay, look 1st at other case records like, say, if a person has an open calfresh case and maybe they've documented their work in that file.

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Lucy Quacinella: Or maybe there's a database like the wage database or a tax database.

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Lucy Quacinella: That will confirm the person's working hours. We really don't know exactly what the Feds mean.

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Lucy Quacinella: Where States are supposed to look.

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Lucy Quacinella: To verify the 80 h of work.

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Lucy Quacinella: We'll know that more when we get the Federal regulations.

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Lucy Quacinella: But this is, you know, at least a good start. It's like, if the information already exists somewhere.

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Lucy Quacinella: Then States have to use it.

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Lucy Quacinella: But what's the problem? Well, we all know that these databases often are inaccurate right?

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Lucy Quacinella: They can be out of date in terms of how many hours you worked, where you worked, how much you earned.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. They can have mistakes.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh. The system might be down when the medical computer is trying to look.

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Lucy Quacinella: And even if you have.

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Lucy Quacinella: Proof of your hours at work with you as a paper document.

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Lucy Quacinella: It can be really challenging to upload that information.

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Lucy Quacinella: And lots of times the county may take a while before they realize that you've reported the information with an upload.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's hard to reach the county by phone. You all know about these challenges right in getting the verification complete.

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Lucy Quacinella: Pleased, and this population by definition. They have a lot of changes.

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Lucy Quacinella: You know they're in a job, but then they lose the job and they have to find another job. They may have 2 and 3 jobs at the same time.

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Lucy Quacinella: Their hours might be higher in one month, but they might be lower in another month, so.

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Lucy Quacinella: It becomes this like I've been envision a hamster like trying to keep up on the wheel. It's exhausting.

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Lucy Quacinella: To keep letting the Government know.

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Lucy Quacinella: What you're doing in terms of your work situation, right?

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Lucy Quacinella: So the research this has been experimented in other states.

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Lucy Quacinella: And the research there shows that it's eligible. People who lose the coverage because of the red tape.

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Lucy Quacinella: Not because they no longer are failing to meet the requirement they are working.

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Lucy Quacinella: Most of the people in this category.

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Lucy Quacinella: Most of them are already working in in California. I think it's at least 80, 85%.

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Lucy Quacinella: Of the adults in this category. In those households at least one of the adults is working.

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Lucy Quacinella: Full time. So you know, it's not a question of being ineligible. It's a question of.

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Lucy Quacinella: Can I keep up with the red tape.

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Lucy Quacinella: And our governor estimates that 5.1 million Californians will have to report work.

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Lucy Quacinella: Two-thirds of those are going to have to do it manually.

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Lucy Quacinella: Again. Hello, navigators! This is like an incredible increase in the need for navigators. Right? Does the system acknowledge.

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Lucy Quacinella: That manual verification is very difficult for people to do on their own.

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Lucy Quacinella: And so because it's so difficult, and because of.

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Lucy Quacinella: You know how challenging it will be to get the resources for navigators. They're estimating. 3 million people will lose their medi-cal.

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Lucy Quacinella: Just because they can't keep up with the reporting.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now again, this doesn't go into effect, for you know a number of years.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, we're going to be doing everything we can to, you know. Make the rules as friendly as possible.

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Lucy Quacinella: And try and get resources to help deal with all this.

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Lucy Quacinella: But I think it's important to, you know. Realize the broader picture.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh. Okay? So then there's a series of uh provisions on cost sharing, you know, the the money that people have to pay out of pocket to access their health, care.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now these changes apply only to the Obamacare expansion adults, and only if they have income over the poverty line.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay? So it's that band between a hundred 138% of poverty.

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll have to pay up to \$35 per service.

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Lucy Quacinella: Like that's per visit right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Up to 5% of their household income.

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Lucy Quacinella: Per month or per quarter. I think the State gets to pick.

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Lucy Quacinella: This doesn't start, fortunately, under the Federal rules until October of 2028, and hopefully, we'll have a new Congress by then and be able to get rid of it right.

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Lucy Quacinella: But it's very worrisome. There are exemptions for primary care, mental health, and you can see some of the other issues there. The Fqhc. Clinics, the community clinics.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that's good. And the existing exemptions, you know, for certain types of vaccines, pregnancy, care.

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Lucy Quacinella: Those are still in place. But again, it's a big hit for the adults. Who the you know. Uh.

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Lucy Quacinella: Conservative ideology says you should not be using government health care right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Your quote, unquote enabled bodied adult. We want to make it as hard as possible for you to get government funded. Health care.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh! Let's take a moment to look at how the new law treats planned parenthood.

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Lucy Quacinella: So reminder. Federal law hasn't paid for abortion services since forever, really, almost forever. Right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Federal funding is available only in the case of rape incest, or when the mother's life is endangered. Right? That's been the case for a very long time.

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Lucy Quacinella: So a new provision took effect on July first.st This went into effect, you know, just.

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Lucy Quacinella: Even before the Federal law was signed right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And it excludes, planned parenthood.

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Lucy Quacinella: From non-abortion services, and, as you all know, planned parenthood. Most of their services involve stuff like breast cancer screening, cervical cancer screening Sdd treatment.

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Lucy Quacinella: Contraception. Some of the planned parenthoods do prenatal care. All of that non abortion services no longer draws down Federal match.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now a Federal judge in Massachusetts, Massachusetts.

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Lucy Quacinella: Block this for 14 days.

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Lucy Quacinella: But you know, what is the government going to do when the block is lifted and the judge renews it? They're going to take it up where you know, for speedy appeals.

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Lucy Quacinella: It almost certainly will end up at the Us. Supreme Court pretty quickly, and we know how that's been going right. It's like trump can do no wrong.

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Lucy Quacinella: In terms of this Supreme Court right? But we'll see. We'll see what happens.

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Lucy Quacinella: There have been some exceptions with the Supreme Court. I do want to underscore. There have been some rulings against trump, and that's important to keep in mind.

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Lucy Quacinella: But there, unfortunately, have many, been many recent rulings by the Supreme Court in his favor.

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Lucy Quacinella: So what does this mean for medi-cal.

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Lucy Quacinella: Reminder. Medi-cal still covers abortion services by all providers, including planned parenthood. Right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And providers can keep submitting their claims for abortion services. That's been our policy for a long time, because we don't use Federal money for abortion. Right? This is no news to us, right for abortion services.

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Lucy Quacinella: But for the non-abortion services by planned parenthood. You know the cancer screenings, contraception, etc.

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Lucy Quacinella: What the State has done is said to the plans. Look.

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Lucy Quacinella: Hold on to those claims.

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Lucy Quacinella: We need to see where the dust settles on this, what the courts do. And we're gonna we're trying to figure out how to find the State money, so you can keep providing those services.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. So for now in California, status quo, and just, you know, stay tuned.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, moving on to covered California. Again, there were some Federal regulations from several months ago.

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Lucy Quacinella: That are going into effect right about now.

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Lucy Quacinella: And unfortunately, this means that the Daca recipients, you know, the kids who came to the Us. When they were very young.

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Lucy Quacinella: Brought here by their parents. They are losing their covered California coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: Starting in August of 2025. Unfortunately.

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Lucy Quacinella: The State estimates that there are about 2,300 young people affected by this.

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Lucy Quacinella: So I guess for LA. You have probably 40% of the Caseload, not quite sure what your covered California caseload is for young people.

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Lucy Quacinella: But that's the statewide number 2,300, and notices are going out. So you may be hearing from clients.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. You know whether the State is going to be able to pick this up in some other way is unclear, whether Federal law allows it.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is not clear to me yet, so you know more to be shared on this. But it's it's really too bad.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then starting for Plan year 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: So open enrollment starts, you know, in the fall of 2025 for the plan year of 2026. So that's coming up.

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Lucy Quacinella: There'll be higher out of pocket maximums.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then the plan. Year after that there'll be a shorter enrollment period. And under these awful regulations there's a bunch more technical stuff that gets phased in.

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Lucy Quacinella: So we're just going to, you know, have to keep monitoring that and see what options our State has to make it better.

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Lucy Quacinella: Then let's look at the Federal law on covered California. So, as we discussed earlier a lot of the immigrant groups, you know. Not this year, not right now.

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Lucy Quacinella: But starting, you know, in October of 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, they're no longer going to be getting Federal matching dollars for this, and the question will become, will the State pick that up, and will the Federal law? Let them.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. There are other bad changes. So, for example, the people who don't qualify for the premium tax credits from covered California, the subsidy.

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Lucy Quacinella: Who have very low income.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. They've been allowed to, you know. Just pay out of pocket.

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Lucy Quacinella: With covered California. But that's no longer going to be the case when these new changes go into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um premiums will be increased. We had, like more help during Covid.

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Lucy Quacinella: We had deeper subsidies during covid. Those are going away in 2025. So it's basically a premium increase.

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Lucy Quacinella: People are going to have to verify their enrollment every year, and they're going to have to step forward and affirmatively do that.

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Lucy Quacinella: At present we have what you call passive re-enrollment, so if nothing's changed for you, and the verifications all check out. You're good to go. You just sail through.

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Lucy Quacinella: Instead, when these changes kick in, they're not in effect yet, but when they come into play in the future.

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Lucy Quacinella: If we don't change this Congress, right? People are gonna have to like affirmatively, come forward and deal with the paperwork, and we all know what happens there, right? It becomes a barrier to re-enrollment.

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Lucy Quacinella: Some other things, the special enrollment period, and this one starts in December of 2025.

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Lucy Quacinella: For very low income people. They will no longer be able to use that special enrollment period.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then also starting in December of 2025. So coming up.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. If you've underestimated your tax liability and are getting a deeper subsidy because of it, you'll have to pay all of that back.

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Lucy Quacinella: At present there's like a limit on how much they make you pay back. When this change goes into effect. You're gonna have to pay all that back. If you've underestimated how much you owe in taxes.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Or if you got married, we had a case where someone got married didn't think.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: To report the spouse's income.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And and so, for almost the whole year was getting.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Um advanced premium tax credits that he was not eligible for, but I think there was like a cap of 5,000 that he had to pay.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: 5, 7. But now, if there's no cap.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: They'll be responsible for the full amount. So really important.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: To let covered California know if there's changes in your income.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, or family composition, etc. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: Great Point, Liz.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. So as you can see, all of these eligibility changes that we've been discussing.

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Lucy Quacinella: Aren't to help people. They're to take Federal money out of the healthcare system.

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Lucy Quacinella: And put the burden more on the States to come up with the money.

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Lucy Quacinella: So there, in addition to these eligibility changes that have that effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: There are some changes that specifically target the Federal matching rate.

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Lucy Quacinella: So for the emergency medical, and that was a great question earlier. Even the immigrants, legal immigrants who are excluded from the Federal match for non-emergency care.

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll still qualify for emergency medical. But the Feds are changing the matching rate from 90%.

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Lucy Quacinella: To 50% for the undocumented expansion. Adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: And that doesn't start until October 2026. But our State is already.

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Lucy Quacinella: Crunching the numbers, you know, trying to gear up for how are we gonna pay for this right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then there's something called provider taxes and local government taxes. As a mechanism.

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Lucy Quacinella: To pay for the State's part of medical right. So medi-cal is a joint Federal State partnership, meaning.

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Lucy Quacinella: The Feds in California pay for roughly half of the cost. The State pays for the other half.

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Lucy Quacinella: Well for decades the Federal rules have allowed States.

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Lucy Quacinella: To tax providers and health plans.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that that tax money can be used to match the Federal dollars.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then the State money can be used for education, or to expand benefits, or whatever right.

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Lucy Quacinella: So this new Federal law is freezing the amount. So basically, it means going forward. We can't raise these taxes. We're going to have to find more State General Fund dollars.

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Lucy Quacinella: There is an increase for something called a Rural health fund. And we do have rural communities in California where the hospitals and clinics and everyone are really struggling right?

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Lucy Quacinella: But there's not enough money in that rural health fund.

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Lucy Quacinella: Under this new Federal law to offset all these other cuts that we've been talking about. So really, it's the combination of the eligibility cuts the red tape, and these new financing restrictions.

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Lucy Quacinella: That are going to destabilize the whole healthcare system for everybody.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because if your hospital goes under.

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Lucy Quacinella: You know, and you're in a car wreck. It doesn't matter if you're a millionaire or a billionaire right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Unless you have your own private jet, who can fly you to another hospital? Right? I mean, this is going to affect.

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Lucy Quacinella: Everybody in the healthcare system, whether they're relying on medi-cal or not.

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Lucy Quacinella: And I would just say, You know, don't take it from me and other advocates right here are just some quotes, you can, you know. Look at at your leisure.

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Lucy Quacinella: From leaders in the hospital and medical communities who are, I think, it's fair to say, panicked.

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Lucy Quacinella: About what the impact is going to be. Just pulling, sucking this much money out of the healthcare system is going to be bad for everyone.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. So you know, the overarching theme here with this Federal law is to take eligibility for the Federal funds.

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Lucy Quacinella: Away from lawfully present immigrants because the Feds weren't paying for non-emergency services for the undocumented, anyway, right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then bury everybody who's left is eligible in so much red tape.

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Lucy Quacinella: That they lose their coverage for procedural reasons.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then wreck the financing mechanism. So States really won't have a choice.

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Lucy Quacinella: If they can't find the money to cut benefits, cut eligibility.

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Lucy Quacinella: Decrease payments to providers or combinations.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then, just, you know, politically, keep messaging. We didn't touch Medicaid. We didn't touch Medicare and hope nobody figures it out. Well, we're figuring it out right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And we got to hope that when time comes for accountability, the general population.

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Lucy Quacinella: It out to, and act accordingly.

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Lucy Quacinella: I had no time today to talk about it, but unfortunately there are also massive cuts for food nutrition programs.

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Lucy Quacinella: And the Federal child tax credit does get expanded somewhat, but the bad news is that now at least one parent has to have a social security number.

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Lucy Quacinella: For the family to qualify at present I mean not now, but when this goes into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: At present, you know, to claim the credit you don't have to provide the social. But when this new provision goes into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: At least one parent will have to claim the social, and of course that will impact.

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Lucy Quacinella: The undocumented and other immigrant families. Right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, okay. So any questions, Rosie or others, should I take a moment.

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Rosie Reyes: Uh! There's a couple of questions on the chat. Um from Carla.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Just to clarify many individuals, such as housekeepers and laborers are paid in cash, and may not.

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Rosie Reyes: Have no formal proof of income in these cases. Would self affidavits still be considered acceptable.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's a really great question in terms of the work reporting requirements. I think that's the context.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, and we'll have to see right. We'll have to wait and see how the rules get implemented. But that.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is a very good example of how the healthcare navigators and other people working directly with the families.

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Lucy Quacinella: Can help us ask the right policy questions, so that when California has to start implementing these rules.

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Lucy Quacinella: We can set it up, so that if the affidavit is the easiest way for these families to comply.

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Lucy Quacinella: Like, maybe, you know, we can say this is just an example off the top of my head. But maybe there can be an affidavit that says.

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Lucy Quacinella: I worked 80 plus hours in the past month. This is how much I earned.

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Lucy Quacinella: And that comes out to X dollars an hour, so that you can show it was at least 80 HA month.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's a really good suggestion.

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Lucy Quacinella: I hope that answers the question.

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Rosie Reyes: Okay, another one from Lexie for planned parenthood. Is it only affecting planned parenthood? Or would it affect other providers, other health centers or hospitals that provide abortion, abortion, care.

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Rosie Reyes: And family planning services for medical patients.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's a really excellent question.

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Lucy Quacinella: And the answer is.

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Lucy Quacinella: It does not affect providers other than planned parenthood.

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Lucy Quacinella: This is legislation that was specifically targeted.

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Lucy Quacinella: To planned parenthood, and, in fact, the court injunction.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, that's in place for 14 days from July 7.th So you know, in a few days now it expires. If it's not extended.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. One of the reasons. The judge.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, entered.

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Lucy Quacinella: In favor of planned parenthood was.

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Lucy Quacinella: That the Congress specifically targeted them. So it's discriminatory. And it's.

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Lucy Quacinella: Technically, you're not supposed to use the power of legislation to target your enemies right.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that's a great question. But fortunately that provision only applies to planned parenthood. I mean, there's like a like. It's about 5 pages of description of which providers are covered.

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Lucy Quacinella: But only planned. Parenthood meets all of the requirements so.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah. It's only planned parenthood.

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Rosie Reyes: All right. Next question.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. Any other questions. Yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Sorry. Next question from Vilma.

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Rosie Reyes: Individuals who are self employers, such as Uber drivers dash.

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Rosie Reyes: Dashboard, or individuals who get.

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Rosie Reyes: Uh 1099 forms. How? How are we going to prove the 80 h work, work and reporting requirements?

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Lucy Quacinella: I think that's another really good example of how, when we get to spelling out.

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Lucy Quacinella: The specific rules for California will want to keep that kind of example in mind.

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Lucy Quacinella: The Federal legislation specifically has a formula for seasonal workers, you know, so that

could be farm workers, for example, that follow different crops.

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Lucy Quacinella: Or people who work at Christmas, for example. But this is another good example of how we're going to have to accommodate.

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Lucy Quacinella: Workers in these categories.

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Lucy Quacinella: When we get to the administrative implementation for California, and all of you will be, you know, the subject matter. Experts like we have to address this problem. We have to address this. We have to address that.

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Rosie Reyes: Alright. Next question, will P.

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Rosie Reyes: Presumption medical still be available? And how would those getting paid in cash, such as day laborers.

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Rosie Reyes: Or housekeepers, etc, prove the 80 h work reporting.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think that's 2 questions. Great questions. I'll start with the second part. How you know, do day laborers and other people paid in cash.

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Lucy Quacinella: Comply with the work reporting requirements. And again, as I explained about, say, the Uber and lyft drivers.

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Lucy Quacinella: When we get to the point with our State in writing the actual rules for California.

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Lucy Quacinella: We'll have to take that into account, and we'll be consulting with all of you about the best ideas to make it as easy as possible for that kind of worker.

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Lucy Quacinella: But those examples are exactly why our State is saying. You know, millions of people could lose their coverage because this is going to be really tough.

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Lucy Quacinella: We're going to do our best to write rules that make it at least a little easier.

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Lucy Quacinella: With respect to the 1st question on presumptive eligibility.

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Lucy Quacinella: Fortunately there's no change there.

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Rosie Reyes: Okay? Um, for a next question for the undocumented patients who currently have active medical.

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Rosie Reyes: Coverage? Is there a specific aid code on eligibility to be identified by.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, that's a good question, and I think the answer is.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's not the Aid code at present.

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Lucy Quacinella: If the question is coming up in the context.

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Lucy Quacinella: Of Celia's comment at the beginning of the session.

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Lucy Quacinella: About medical sharing information with the Feds.

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Lucy Quacinella: Or the Feds, using that information in some way that might be harmful.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's not the aid codes.

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Lucy Quacinella: Per se. So that's a good thing.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's a good thing. Um.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's not the aid codes, but.

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Lucy Quacinella: People, you know, who claim lawful status do have to come forward and claim it right.

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Lucy Quacinella: So if you don't claim it, the system does indicate there's no status here.

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Lucy Quacinella: And in that sense we have to be really protective of the information.

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Lucy Quacinella: I hope that helps answer what the specific question is.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah, yeah. You know, I think, moving forward, I thought my camera was on sorry.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Um moving forward when you know.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: This takes effect next year.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Um folks with.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Unsatisfactory immigration status, who who are currently in.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: They're going to be moved to a different.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Scope! Oh.

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Lucy Quacinella: Well, we can talk. We can talk about that in a minute. Liz, I think that's a different question. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Gotcha gotcha.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Alright. And next question from Eric. Same question, when it comes to housing and rental agreement.

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Lucy Quacinella: What's the question? Exactly.

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Lucy Quacinella: How does housing and rental agreement fit in.

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Rosie Reyes: Uh, I'm not sure that's.

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Lucy Quacinella: I'm sorry, Eric, not to be clear.

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Rosie Reyes: Yeah, Eric, just put that.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Eric.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Eric, do you want to voice the question.

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Lucy Quacinella: Huh!

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Lucy Quacinella: It seems like there's something important there. Yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Oh, he says, is a written statement, still valid when it comes to housing and rental agreement.

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Lucy Quacinella: In terms of um.

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Lucy Quacinella: Your uh.

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Lucy Quacinella: Residence in California.

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Lucy Quacinella: Like. When do you provide information about housing and rental agreement?

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Lucy Quacinella: When is that needed for medical? I'm sorry to not be as well informed about that piece.

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Rosie Reyes: For medical Applications.

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Rosie Reyes: From Carla.

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Lucy Quacinella: So is this about, for example, homeless people who have no income.

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Lucy Quacinella: Or maybe we can take that.

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Erik E.: Hi! Can you hear me?

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Yes.

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Lucy Quacinella: Oh, Hi Eric! Yes. Hi!

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Erik E.: Hey? There? Sorry about that. Okay. So when applying for medi-cal uh, some patients.

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Erik E.: Um when when it comes to like they're just renting a room, or they're just renting a space, or in some cases they're just renting a bed.

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Erik E.: They don't have an actual rental agreement or a lease.

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Erik E.: That we have would have to upload. Usually what happens is that they'll make a formal statement.

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Erik E.: Um, and then we upload that in in.

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Erik E.: Instead of sending in the the lease.

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Erik E.: Is that not gonna be valid anymore? Because I'm seeing um, I'm.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Wondering why you need to send in the lease.

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Lucy Quacinella: On!

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Or rental agreement.

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Erik E.: Well, from what I see right here uh, the latest requirements that I'm seeing is.

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Erik E.: They have to prove citizenship, immigration, status, and.

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Erik E.: They're also asking for birth certificates.

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Erik E.: They have to prove that they've lived in Los, in Los County, Los Angeles for the past 60 days.

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Erik E.: They're asking for proof of rent, slash, lease, mortgage.

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Erik E.: And proof of income, like check steps and taxes.

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Lucy Quacinella: And what are you looking at, Eric?

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Erik E.: Uh, just uh, we just got a.

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Erik E.: I guess you would call it a.

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Erik E.: A list.

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Erik E.: For the requirements for medical is that not? Is that.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is it from? Is it? Is it from the county.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: From who, from whom?

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Erik E.: Yeah, just kind of pass down the chain.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. Could you please share that with me and Liz? That would be helpful.

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Erik E.: Um.

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Erik E.: Okay, yeah, no. Problem.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, and then we can get back to you. But in answer to your question, in terms of these federal changes.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh! I know of nothing that would interfere with.

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Lucy Quacinella: Ah! What we do in California.

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Lucy Quacinella: To have people prove.

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Lucy Quacinella: Their county of residence.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think our State.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is messaging to the counties.

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Lucy Quacinella: And this is reset.

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Lucy Quacinella: The State has begun messaging to the counties.

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Lucy Quacinella: To make sure that the person actually lives in the county.

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Lucy Quacinella: So I'm really glad you're sharing with us that you know some new information has passed down the chain.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um! This will help us get more clear about what that involves. But just Fyi.

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Lucy Quacinella: Liz and I were in a meeting a couple days ago, or maybe it was last Friday.

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Lucy Quacinella: Where this whole question about proving County Residency came up.

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Lucy Quacinella: And so I think maybe the messaging is getting a little complicated.

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Lucy Quacinella: But in answer to your question, Eric, from everything I know it would not change what you've been doing in terms of you know that that contract or the affidavit to say this is where I live, even though I don't have a contract.

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Lucy Quacinella: Does that help.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, and Liz and I will look forward to getting that document from you. Thank you so

much. This is a great example of what I was trying to say at the beginning of our discussion about how leveraging our resources to stay on top of all this stuff.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is just, gonna you know, help us jump on things and nip bad policies in the bud before they can do more damage.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. Anything else. Rosie.

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Rosie Reyes: Next. Yeah. Next question from Carmen. Parents with item numbers won't be able to receive child tax credit. It's tax credit. Sorry.

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Lucy Quacinella: You know, Carmen, I'm glad you've asked that question. I think the answer is No. When this goes into effect.

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Lucy Quacinella: But don't quote me. Let's PIN that down specifically.

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Lucy Quacinella: But I think that's the exact reason why the Congress made this change.

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Lucy Quacinella: Was so that the Itins could not be used anymore. The social has to be used. But let me look into that before you know we confirm it.

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Rosie Reyes: Next question from Mabel.

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Rosie Reyes: Is it? Is it to determine the household income, slash, household size.

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Rosie Reyes: Since many families live together.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, there's no change in terms of.

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Lucy Quacinella: The uh limits.

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Lucy Quacinella: On household income or household size. Um. So if this question, maybe, is referring to Eric's point uh, you know.

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Lucy Quacinella: I don't think there's any change there.

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Lucy Quacinella: If the question was referring to something else, maybe the person could clarify what they're asking.

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Lucy Quacinella: If that person would like to come on camera? These are really great questions. It's the kind of thing that you know. We need to keep up on.

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Mabel Alavez Fentanes: No, it was just um trying to understand Eric's point.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, great. I'm so glad Eric raised it, because if something, you know just came down from the county, we're all gonna be looking at it, and having his questions as well.

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Lucy Quacinella: Super anything else? Rosie?

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Rosie Reyes: There's a comment from Kristie, I believe, for seniors. If they pay rent, for example, renting a room and write out an affidavit, it helps the senior quality for medical if they are a little over the Fpl. Income.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's a great point, because that's a different category. And so they can get the deduction to come down and.

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Lucy Quacinella: Not have those payments. Yeah, I don't think any of that is changing in terms of how people.

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Lucy Quacinella: Ah, you know, report information about where they're living, or how much.

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Lucy Quacinella: They're paying for it.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah. And I'm not really sure that they get that deduction for medical eligibility screening.

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Lucy Quacinella: See, it'll be great to see what materials Eric just received be really helpful to have that context.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. Anything else. Rosie.

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Rosie Reyes: Uh that's it!

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, uh. So we're getting close to the end here, folks, and we're shifting gears. Um.

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Lucy Quacinella: So let's look a little bit at our State Medical budget, and you all know the Governor and the Legislature came to an agreement.

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Lucy Quacinella: Sometime in mid to late June, and the new State budget went into effect. July first.st

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Lucy Quacinella: So some important changes were made. They are not in effect now, but they're coming up soon. Okay.

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Lucy Quacinella: These changes. I'm going to be talking about.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now the situation in California.

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Lucy Quacinella: Was very different from what the Feds were trying to do right in California.

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Lucy Quacinella: We have a 12, or we had a 12 billion dollar.

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Lucy Quacinella: Budget deficit, right? So there was a big hole.

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Lucy Quacinella: In our budget. Things ended up costing more than the legislature thought they would when they put last year, when they put the budget together.

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Lucy Quacinella: And part of that is because of Trump's tariffs. Things are costing more.

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Lucy Quacinella: And other expenses that they didn't realize at the time would be higher.

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Lucy Quacinella: So they had this 12 billion dollars gap.

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Lucy Quacinella: And unfortunately, what they decided.

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Lucy Quacinella: Was to put a freeze on new applications.

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Lucy Quacinella: For the undocumented adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: And this is tragic right? Because.

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Lucy Quacinella: Literally for decades to try to get to universal coverage, at least for low income people.

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Lucy Quacinella: And we had been adding, You know the seniors. And then we added the kids, and we added, the young adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then the final piece was to add the low income adults right.

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Lucy Quacinella: And so, unfortunately, the Legislature said, for now we have to roll this back.

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Lucy Quacinella: So, starting January first.st

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Lucy Quacinella: Undocumented adults, age 19 or older.

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Lucy Quacinella: Will no longer qualify for full medical. They'll be qualifying for the emergency.

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Lucy Quacinella: For restricted medical, just like, you know, that's always been the case.

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Lucy Quacinella: But they won't have non-emergency coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that's the big change. January first.st Unfortunately.

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Lucy Quacinella: They still get the emergency coverage, but no more full scope. So.

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Lucy Quacinella: The question then becomes, Well, what about all these adults?

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Lucy Quacinella: Who already have their full medical. What happens to them.

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Lucy Quacinella: The good news is.

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Lucy Quacinella: That they can stay on medi-cal.

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Lucy Quacinella: So long as they continue.

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Lucy Quacinella: To meet the usual requirements. You know the the income requirements. They reside in California.

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Lucy Quacinella: Excuse me, etc, etc. Right.

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Lucy Quacinella: What the State is going to do. However.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is starting in July of 2027.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's going to take the non emergency dental away from them.

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Lucy Quacinella: And the State is going to give their coverage a new name. They're going to call it Limited.

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Lucy Quacinella: As opposed to restrict it.

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Lucy Quacinella: But it's going to be full medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: Just minus the dental in the future.

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Lucy Quacinella: Now, this is very confusing, right? So you'll have your slide to refer back to.

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Lucy Quacinella: But the important message to take away right now.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is that people who are already enrolled.

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Lucy Quacinella: As of December 31st of this year.

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Lucy Quacinella: They will continue to have full medical, and at some point in the future they're going to lose the non-emergency dental part of it.

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Lucy Quacinella: But they'll keep everything else.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay. So you know, part of this, I think, suggests we get as many people enrolled before the end of this year as possible.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then, after you know, starting in January of 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: We want to make sure that we're on the lookout, that these people who were enrolled before.

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Lucy Quacinella: You know. Don't get.

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Lucy Quacinella: That they stay in full coverage minus the dental. When that change happens.

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Lucy Quacinella: So it's kind of a good news. Bad news story, right? In sum.

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Lucy Quacinella: Get in before the end of the year, if you can, and then you'll keep.

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Lucy Quacinella: Almost all of your benefits, except for the non emergency dental. And that's not happening until the future. That change.

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Lucy Quacinella: On the dental. So then again, this gets back to making sure people get in the right medical group, right? So if you have.

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Lucy Quacinella: Let's say you have an adult, you know, who applies uh next March.

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Lucy Quacinella: And they go into the adult group.

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Lucy Quacinella: And then they become pregnant.

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Lucy Quacinella: This is another reason to make sure the county knows. So one.

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll get linked automatically to their 12 months of post eligibility coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: But then 2, it'll be easier for them to hold on to all of their dental benefits.

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Lucy Quacinella: Really the pregnant people are supposed to have full.

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Lucy Quacinella: Benefits any group they're in.

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Lucy Quacinella: But that's challenging to implement right? It's very confusing.

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Lucy Quacinella: So let me see if there are any questions there. I think that's the end.

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Lucy Quacinella: This is, you know what I was just trying to describe.

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Lucy Quacinella: On the changes right? So they'll get a new name.

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Lucy Quacinella: For these folks who enroll before December 31.st

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll keep their full coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: Except at some point. They're gonna lose their non-emergency. Demo.

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Lucy Quacinella: And that'll be in July of 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: In addition, if you look at the bottom of this screen.

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll have to start paying premiums, but that won't be until 2027.

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Lucy Quacinella: So we'll be updating everyone you know more as this comes along. Um.

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Lucy Quacinella: But it's a process, you know. This year will will fly by us, and we want to work with the State to get the best rules in place possible on all of this stuff.

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Lucy Quacinella: Any questions, yeah, any questions.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: I just wanted to say that the limited scope folks are gonna retain their managed Care plan.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So they still continue to be in managed care.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yes.

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Lucy Quacinella: With full coverage. Through managed care.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Full coverage minus the preventive dental.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, that's right. Whereas the emergency folks will go back to fee for service.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, any other questions about this.

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Diane Gaspard: Well, we, yeah, will we?

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Elena Bazini: I had, I.

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Elena Bazini: I just have a question. Um.

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Elena Bazini: Regarding a pregnancy.

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Elena Bazini: The coverage for pregnancy, services and delivery.

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Elena Bazini: Is that going going to be affected.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, no people, you know, as long as the county knows there's a pregnancy.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: No.

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Elena Bazini: Mhm.

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Lucy Quacinella: Then no change.

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Lucy Quacinella: Just make sure the county knows there's a pregnancy that's the main rule, and that's always helpful, because that's what gets you automatically connected.

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Lucy Quacinella: To 12 months.

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Lucy Quacinella: Post-pregnancy coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that's a great, you know, tool to have.

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Lucy Quacinella: As the if the county has that documented in the record.

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Lucy Quacinella: And they put the person into the pregnant women group.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's a special group for pregnant women.

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Lucy Quacinella: Then they keep their full coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: They keep a managed care plan, and they automatically get their 12 months of post-pregnancy coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: They don't have to redetermine more common more quickly. They don't have to do work reporting.

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Lucy Quacinella: They don't have to pay premiums.

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Lucy Quacinella: None of that is changing. As long as the county knows they're pregnant right.

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Lucy Quacinella: Cause. I'm sure you're aware, Elena, a lot of people start out.

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Lucy Quacinella: In medical before they become pregnant.

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Lucy Quacinella: Right. So if the county doesn't know, there's a pregnant person.

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Lucy Quacinella: With this medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: Then some of the other changes that affect the adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: Could affect that pregnant adult.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's why the navigators are so important. The people who help with enrollment and retention.

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Lucy Quacinella: Are so important to monitor and make sure people are in the right place.

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Lucy Quacinella: I hope that helps.

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Diane Gaspard: Also do we get access.

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Elena Bazini: Thank you very much.

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Diane Gaspard: Access to the slides. Are you going to share the slides.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yes, yes.

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Diane Gaspard: Okay.

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Lucy Quacinella: And uh Liz, just Fyi, I I did a few updates. So the one that you have, I'm gonna switch out with this one. So I'll send it to you before you send it out for the group.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So sounds good.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, happy to do it. And um, I'm available at the end of this uh.

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Lucy Quacinella: Presentation. My contact information is there? Uh? So I hope people will feel free to ask Liz or Liz. I'm not volunteering. You feel free to ask me questions. But, Liz, okay, Liz gives me permission, so feel free.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: That's okay.

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Lucy Quacinella: To contact either one or both of us. If you have questions.

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Lucy Quacinella: We acknowledge that this is a lot right? It's a lot of information.

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Lucy Quacinella: And you know the quote unquote, good news is a lot of these things. Don't kick in until like next year.

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Lucy Quacinella: But the reason we're sharing it with you all.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is that Liz and I, and others.

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Lucy Quacinella: Are involved with the State to start writing the rules right, because that always that takes them 6 months or more.

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Lucy Quacinella: To write the rules. And you know the feedback. The questions that we've gotten today, for example, are super helpful.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because they flag for us.

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Lucy Quacinella: The kinds of problems that we want these rules to nip in the bud. We want to make it crystal clear.

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Lucy Quacinella: What you do for this, what you do for this kind of person, so that we have.

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Lucy Quacinella: A better chance of keeping people in coverage.

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Diane Gaspard: Uh, I have a a question, and it has to do with the timelines of when all these uh.

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Diane Gaspard: These rules take effect, so am I, understanding that they don't take effect until January 1st of 2020.

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Diane Gaspard: 7 is that.

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Lucy Quacinella: It depends. And that's.

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Diane Gaspard: So the one that that has medi-cal coverage, where you have to.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: They're all different.

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Diane Gaspard: Do it every 6 months, and you have to. When does that one take place?

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, so um.

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Lucy Quacinella: Let's see the one for every 6 months.

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Lucy Quacinella: And remember, it's just for the adults. So it's not for the children.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's not for the pregnant people.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's not for the seniors and people with disabilities.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's for these adults. And that's this slide.

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Lucy Quacinella: Every 6 months, starting December 31st So really it starts jet. The Feds did it this way to make sure the States would be ready by the end of the year, so that it kicks in. On January one.

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Lucy Quacinella: And so this is, you know you're giving me an idea.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. This is why slide by slide. It will tell you when the requirements kick in.

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Lucy Quacinella: And I tried to do it chronologically, but stuff starts jumping around.

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Lucy Quacinella: So maybe Liz and I can work on a timeline.

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Diane Gaspard: Yeah, I I really would appreciate, like a chart where the rule, what it is.

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Lucy Quacinella: And that way.

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Diane Gaspard: When it takes effect, because.

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Diane Gaspard: Everyone's confused, on which.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Diane Gaspard: Starts when and and because, let's say it starts.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Diane Gaspard: December 31st 2026. At what point are they gonna start educating.

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Diane Gaspard: The people. It will impact.

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Diane Gaspard: In order for them to be prepared for any changes coming up, I would assume.

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Lucy Quacinella: Oh!

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Diane Gaspard: You need to.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah.

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Diane Gaspard: At least for 4 months.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Diane Gaspard: And that would be during election time.

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Diane Gaspard: And so uh, and I'm sure that would have some impact on how people may or may not vote. So I.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's an excellent point.

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Diane Gaspard: Timeline and educating people on when all stuff takes place, would be.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Because, you know, you know, like, as Lucy said so, our first.st

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Thing coming up is.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Folks applying for medi-cal after January 1, st 2,026.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And needing the satisfactory immigration status. Right? That I think that's our first.st

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Kind of hurdle. So retention.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Of benefits is going to be super important.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Um.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think the suggestion for a timeline is really good. Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah, cause there's all kinds of stuff. Cause the other thing I wanted to mention is that you know, we didn't talk about the asset.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Tests, coming back.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: For people who are over 65, or.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: If they're under 65, and they're permanently disabled without.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Active Medicare.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: That resource test is coming back, and so some folks are going to be hit with both.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: The the satisfactory immigration status requirement, and also now their their resources.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Are going to be looked at.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And thankfully they didn't go back to the very, very punitive.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: \$2,000 for one person, \$3,000!

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: For a couple.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, we'll add that to these slides before we send them out.

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Lucy Quacinella: And give us a little bit of time on the timeline. Just fyi. The slides are largely arranged in chronological order for the Federal stuff.

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Lucy Quacinella: So it shouldn't take us too long to get you that. But I that's a very helpful suggestion.

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Lucy Quacinella: Anything else.

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Gloria Raab: I have a quick question about the Medicare.

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Gloria Raab: The eligibility. When are they going to start with the asset test list?

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Not for Medicare, for non-magi, medical.

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Gloria Raab: Oh, for the non magi. Okay.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So over for people over 65.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Or if they're under 65. But they have active.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Medicare.

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Gloria Raab: Got it. Okay.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: I do believe it's at the beginning of the year, but I will double check right now.

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Gloria Raab: Okay, thank you so much, ladies.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah. Any other questions or comments before I wrap us up.

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Rosie Reyes: There's a couple of questions on the chat.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh-huh.

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Rosie Reyes: Um from Kristie. Will there bring back? Uh? Will will they bring my health? La! Again for the undocumented.

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Rosie Reyes: The undocumented, who already have medical their status will change from restricted to limited. But what about, if undocumented, apply after 2026.

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Rosie Reyes: With will their eligibility status show restricted. Still, since they won't qualify for limited.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's um. A really excellent question, and I can only say, I hope the county brings it back. Does anyone have information on that.

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Lucy Quacinella: It may be something to put on the list to discuss with the county is my help.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah, definitely because with.

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Lucy Quacinella: Expanded.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: With the final expansion of that.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Group, for health, for all.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: The county. What they did was increase their Federal poverty level.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: For free care. So they went up to 200%.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Of the Federal poverty level.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Because they we didn't have my health. La, any longer clientele.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: But one of the requirements is to be not eligible for medi-cal.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So I you know I think it is worth bringing it up.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: With the county to see how they can redefine kind of their charitable program.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Okay? Melanie asked. So starting January first.st

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Rosie Reyes: 2026. Those already enrolled with Medica will keep full scope coverage, but will be losing dental coverage in the future.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yes, and when they lose well, they'll lose non emergency dental.

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll keep the emergency dental.

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Lucy Quacinella: But they'll lose non-emergency dental so like for cleanings. And this list says preventive care.

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Lucy Quacinella: And that loss of the non-emergency dental will start July 1, 2026, but otherwise.

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Lucy Quacinella: They'll keep full coverage. It'll just have another name. It'll be called limited, so it'll be confusing.

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Lucy Quacinella: And we're just all gonna have to wrap our heads around how to message that.

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Lucy Quacinella: With providers as well as consumers.

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Rosie Reyes: Another question for Melanie. Those who enroll after January 1, st 2026, they will enroll into restricted medical ak similar to what is known as emergency medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yes, the new applicants will get restricted.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yes.

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Lucy Quacinella: And that will include emergency and pregnancy, related care.

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Lucy Quacinella: So, for example.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And dialysis and long-term care services.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Is covered under restricted.

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Lucy Quacinella: Oh, thanks!

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Lucy Quacinella: Dialysis and long-term care, too. We'll add that. Yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Okay.

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Lucy Quacinella: But you know the pregnancy. It's a good example here. So if they have this restricted.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um, you know, they'll definitely be covered for labor and delivery services in the hospital. Right? Because that's always linked to emergency care.

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Lucy Quacinella: But there's a big question about, you know.

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Lucy Quacinella: Regular prenatal care will also, that's traditionally covered, as pregnancy related. Care.

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Lucy Quacinella: But let's say you need cancer treatment during the pregnancy, or you need physical therapy.

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Lucy Quacinella: It should be covered.

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Lucy Quacinella: It really should be covered, because it's all related. It's all connected to the pregnancy.

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Lucy Quacinella: So this is why we're flagging for folks that you know. Make sure the county knows there's a pregnancy.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that the person can get that pregnant women eligibility. And then, you know, they just have full coverage in a health plan.

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Lucy Quacinella: And you don't have to worry about it anymore.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Lucy. Well, you know, prior to the full expansion of you know. Help for all.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Pregnancy. Medical was deemed by Cms. Mec. Minimal essential coverage.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So it does that change, or get affected in any way?

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Lucy Quacinella: It doesn't. It doesn't change.

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Lucy Quacinella: But as a practical matter.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's very challenging.

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Lucy Quacinella: To implement, because providers.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um think there's a difference.

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Lucy Quacinella: Between full medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: And medical for pregnant people. They think there's a difference.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. And in the past there was.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yes.

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Lucy Quacinella: So it becomes very confusing. So um, you know. Uh.

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Lucy Quacinella: The the main point is that if a person is getting all the coverage they need during their pregnancy in the restricted category, that's great.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's great. You want it. You still want to make sure the county knows about the pregnancies so they can get the automatic 12 month post pregnancy coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: Right, and there it really helps to be in the pregnant, pregnant women's category because

providers understand. Oh, this is post pregnancy. It's full scope. They stay in a health plan.

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Lucy Quacinella: But the person asked, um, you know.

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Lucy Quacinella: Do the new applicants get restricted after January first? st If they're undocumented adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: And the answer is, Yes, they do, but they also get the pregnancy related, and is.

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Lucy Quacinella: Liz clarifies the in-home, the long-term care, and the dialysis treatment as well, and we'll add that to the slide as a reminder.

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Lucy Quacinella: Other questions. Rosie.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think you're on mute.

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Rosie Reyes: Sorry Melanie has the last question. Will they be affected outside of the hospitals?

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Rosie Reyes: Such as going to their primary care, doctor, for their prenatal care? Or will it remain full scope as well.

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Lucy Quacinella: If you're in pregnancy, medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: That remains full scope.

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Lucy Quacinella: That remains. You know, pregnancy coverage is full scope in a managed care plan uh at your doctor's office, at your clinic.

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Lucy Quacinella: With your midwife, with your Doula, wherever.

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Lucy Quacinella: Right um! And then the restricted.

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Lucy Quacinella: Is limited to emergency and pregnancy care. It should be.

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Lucy Quacinella: Everything, but sometimes the doctors and the clinics get confused.

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Lucy Quacinella: Between emergency.

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Lucy Quacinella: And pregnancy.

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Lucy Quacinella: But that's not changing.

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Lucy Quacinella: So if a provider or a clinic is fine, taking your restricted card and working with you to give you all of your medical care, and your specialists are happy to take restricted.

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Lucy Quacinella: And you know the cancer doctor will see you with your restricted card. That's fine.

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Lucy Quacinella: But a lot of times people have trouble with that.

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Lucy Quacinella: The provider doesn't understand that restricted really means full.

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Lucy Quacinella: For pregnant women.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: I hope that helps answer the question that the pregnant women coverage is not changing.

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Lucy Quacinella: If you have pregnant women's coverage.

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Lucy Quacinella: That's not changing. You'll still be in a healthcare plan. You still go where you go for your prenatal care. Whatever.

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Lucy Quacinella: Through your health plan.

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Lucy Quacinella: Great anything else. Rosie, in the chat.

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Rosie Reyes: He asked, will the Mc. 13 be needed for the undocumented to get dialysis covered by medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: I don't think so.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: No, and I don't think they've ever needed the Mc 13 for dialysis.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because it's part of restricted.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And and again, yeah, well, and then again. Now see, the Mc. 13 was being repurposed.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Because of health for all.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And it was go undergoing some changes because it was going to be utilized.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: To verify Federal medi-cal eligibility.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: So now I don't know what what the future.

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Lucy Quacinella: See? Yeah, we'll have to see. Yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: But remember, we're still in 2025.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um and.

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Lucy Quacinella: For these State changes.

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Lucy Quacinella: We're gonna have to get back to you on the status of that uh.

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Lucy Quacinella: Form, about immigration.

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Rosie Reyes: Rita commented that the Mc. 13 and Mc. 3, a. 2, and Mc. 3 a. 3 are being requested now.

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Lucy Quacinella: Right.

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Lucy Quacinella: That would kind of make sense. And let us get back to you on that. Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah, we would have to see case.

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Lucy Quacinella: Because the statuses are changing the status. You know what? What's coverage? Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Yeah, case. Specific. Info.

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Rosie Reyes: Ah! Carol commented. I thought they were going to charge a hundred dollars for undocumented immigrants already in medical starting January 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: That was a proposal at 1 point.

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Lucy Quacinella: But we were able to get that reduced to \$30 premiums.

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Lucy Quacinella: And again, it's only for the undocumented adults.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh after.

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Lucy Quacinella: This won't kick in until July one of 2027.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that was a proposal. The Governor had proposed that.

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Lucy Quacinella: In the May revision, and the Legislature came back because the community really stepped up and just said, We, you know you can't go that far. We understand there's a budget crisis, but you can't go that far.

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Lucy Quacinella: So that was changed from the original proposal.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: And Lucy, can I ask a clarifying question.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Is it just undocumented.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Or is it also folks here on non-immigrant visas?

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Lucy Quacinella: I have that question, too, Liz, and I am withholding judgment on that until we hear more from the state.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Gotcha. Thank you. Just keep me posted.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Rosie Reyes: Bye.

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Lucy Quacinella: I didn't wanna include that. If we weren't sure it was gonna happen.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, but it's definitely gonna happen for these adults who apply after January one.

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Lucy Quacinella: So. Yet another reason to, you know. Get in before January one.

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Rosie Reyes: Am, I asked. Do we have any details on what sort of cuts we can expect for Medicare.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, that's a great question. Um.

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Lucy Quacinella: We know that the Federal eligibility rules are changing. Starting in.

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Lucy Quacinella: December.

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Lucy Quacinella: Oops!

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Lucy Quacinella: I didn't mean to stop sharing there. Um!

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Lucy Quacinella: In uh.

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Lucy Quacinella: Sorry folks.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: That's okay. Justin.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh, let's see if we can get our slides going back. Okay.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Lucy Quacinella: So if you take a look at this slide.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um they lose the Medicare. Individuals lose eligibility.

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Lucy Quacinella: Starting in around December of 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: And so what does that mean?

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Lucy Quacinella: It means um.

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Lucy Quacinella: You know that these folks who currently get Medicare, they no longer will be able to.

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Lucy Quacinella: But these folks continue to have their medicare, as this slide shows.

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Lucy Quacinella: I think the timeline will help. You know that great suggestion about doing a timeline.

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Lucy Quacinella: Will will help us put this all in context, too.

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Lucy Quacinella: So these immigrants in these categories.

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Lucy Quacinella: We'll keep Medicare eligibility, but other groups will be losing it.

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Lucy Quacinella: These groups will be losing it. But the Medicare doesn't kick in until December of 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, I just if there are no more questions I just wanted to wrap up with one final point. Do we have any other questions or comments?

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: I think you're good, Lucy.

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Rosie Reyes: From Rita's.

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Rosie Reyes: Sorry uh, is the \$30 premium for undocumented, already enrolled in the medical.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh-huh.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Sorry.

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Rosie Reyes: Starts before December 31, st 2025.

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Lucy Quacinella: The premium.

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Lucy Quacinella: Doesn't start until July 1, st 2027.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah. Great questions.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, I would just wrap up with, you know, what I think is pretty obvious to this group.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um. The the Federal government is gonna succeed.

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Lucy Quacinella: In implementing all of this stuff.

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Lucy Quacinella: Even more if we don't have you know the outreach, the enrollment, the retention, assistance, all the things that the healthcare navigators do.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um! It's already difficult to get through these processes.

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Lucy Quacinella: And with the additional burdens. It's even going to be more challenging.

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Lucy Quacinella: So unfortunately, the last state budget.

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Lucy Quacinella: Did not come through with funds that had previously been committed for this purpose.

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Lucy Quacinella: And we just need to figure out ways with a public private partnership.

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Lucy Quacinella: To get that funding back so that the healthcare navigators can be there to help with the training.

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Lucy Quacinella: And help assist providers and other advocates know what's going on, and work with their clients.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, that's where to find me. And uh, we'll update these slides based on today's excellent conversation. We'll work on the timeline.

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Lucy Quacinella: And to be continued.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Thank you. Thank you, Lucy, so much. And for that plug on the healthcare navigators. But.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Most importantly, thank you for clarifying. This is so much information, and um.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: And I know folks will be eager to um see the have access to the Powerpoint, and then.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: The timeline at some point when it gets developed. No pressure. But thank you. Um, thank you again. Um.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Lusi. Do you have time for one more question? Soledad had her hand up.

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Lucy Quacinella: Oh, good! I'm glad you caught her.

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Soledad Cisneros - MCHA: Thank you. So I in calfresh world there is a work.

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Soledad Cisneros - MCHA: Requirement. If you don't meet it. Um, of course they will go ahead and let you know that you're no longer eligible for the program right?

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Soledad Cisneros - MCHA: I was wondering. Um!

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Soledad Cisneros - MCHA: Volunteer work is one of the work requirements that is acceptable within the policy under calfresh.

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Soledad Cisneros - MCHA: Um. Does that apply for medi-cal? Or will that apply under the new rules for under medi-cal.

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Lucy Quacinella: Yeah, it's a great question. So that from the Federal statute, because that's the only text we have at this point, it does appear that volunteer activities.

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Lucy Quacinella: Will count. The question then becomes, what volunteer activities? Right? And we have to wait for the federal regulations.

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Lucy Quacinella: To give us a better understanding of what the Feds will accept. There.

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Lucy Quacinella: And those federal regulations for the medi-cal piece.

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Lucy Quacinella: Aren't due out until June of, I think, 2026.

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Lucy Quacinella: Uh. And so, you know, until we really know what the Feds are, gonna count.

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Lucy Quacinella: It's hard to answer that question, but I would certainly think that the calfresh.

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Lucy Quacinella: Um guidelines.

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Lucy Quacinella: Could be a reasonable place for us to start right? Because that's also a federal program.

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Lucy Quacinella: And if the Feds have accepted it in the context of the nutrition program, I think there's a decent chance.

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Lucy Quacinella: That will be able to use that in the medical context.

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Lucy Quacinella: What I'm hoping we can work with everyone on is, how do we do even better like? How can we expand that to good categories of volunteerism. Right? We want to be a little bit different, a little bit smart about what we propose here, right? Because there's all kinds of.

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Lucy Quacinella: Like, you know, pregnancy crisis centers. I bet the Feds will allow. I'm guessing. The Feds will allow that as an acceptable volunteer activity or.

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Lucy Quacinella: Volunteering, you know, to defend Donald Trump in court, you know, who knows what

they're going to say is an acceptable volunteer activity.

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Lucy Quacinella: But I think if we start with the CalFresh guidelines we'll be in pretty good shape.

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Lucy Quacinella: Of course.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: So great, thanks, so much.

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Lucy Quacinella: Okay, thank you. Everyone likewise to be continued.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Okay. Thanks. Thanks. Lucy.

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Lucy Quacinella: Thanks for all your questions. Bye.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um. Okay, quick. Updates. Um, was there anything to add to that, Liz? You asked. You clarified a lot of things. So I'm assuming you're you're good.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: No, no, I yeah. Lucy covered.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Okay, um. And then, Marcela, is there anything that you'd like to say about CalFresh?

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Marcela Marquez: Yeah, um, I actually can briefly add some information. Um.

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Marcela Marquez: Similar to what was just discussed now with able-bodied adults. On the medical side, CalFresh has always has an able-bodied adult rule.

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Marcela Marquez: We have been in a 2 year. Waiver.

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Marcela Marquez: Um. And so basically, what came out of the July 4th changes.

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Marcela Marquez: Is that that waiver is no longer in place, and it has been cut back to one year.

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Marcela Marquez: And so we will see the able-bodied adult without dependence. Rule kick in, as of January of 2026.

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Marcela Marquez: Um. We don't have enough information to know exactly how the exemptions will work, and if there'll be.

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Marcela Marquez: Um, adding any different types of exemptions currently.

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Marcela Marquez: Um. They did make changes, for example, for ages. So it used to be that 18 to.

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Marcela Marquez: Uh 54 was the age limit for abods. Um.

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Marcela Marquez: And that no longer is the case. They have pushed that onto like 18 to 64, which is closer to.

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Marcela Marquez: You know a lot of seniors actually, um.

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Marcela Marquez: That could potentially um.

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Marcela Marquez: Be considered able to work and be required to work in order to be receiving calfresh benefits.

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Marcela Marquez: Um. The other thing is, they changed the limit for children. It used to be that if you were an adult and you were not disabled, and you were able to work. But you have children. Under the age of 18.

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Marcela Marquez: You were not required to, and you were not subject to the abod rule.

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Marcela Marquez: But with the changes they have pushed it up to the age of 14. So if you have children.

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Marcela Marquez: Um over the age of 14, that you will be subject to the abod rule.

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Marcela Marquez: So some of those are just some some changes. Um, I will post the all county letter.

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Marcela Marquez: On the chat, and it does include other snap benefit and program changes.

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Marcela Marquez: But I think the most important thing is just that abod will impact a lot of people.

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Marcela Marquez: Um, it will kick a lot of people off of benefits if they're not working, or if they're not participating in an employment and training program.

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Marcela Marquez: Um, we don't really know. Like Lucy mentioned, there might be other um.

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Marcela Marquez: Volunteer work or other things that participants can probably do and still be eligible.

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Marcela Marquez: For calfresh benefits, but we don't know what those are yet.

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Marcela Marquez: Um so definitely, it's an opportunity to try to suggest things that.

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Marcela Marquez: Um are reachable for folks. If there's, you know, volunteer work they can do in their community.

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Marcela Marquez: And you know things that will allow them to get benefits. We want to make sure and take advantage of that.

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Marcela Marquez: Um. The county is still required to.

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Marcela Marquez: Provide some sort of work and training program. So hopefully, they also expand on that um.

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Marcela Marquez: We I mean, we haven't had this.

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Marcela Marquez: Um rule in effect, since I've been doing this work, and I'm going on 17 years working at Mcha, doing calfresh.

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Marcela Marquez: So this is a really big deal. Um, because, in a sense.

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Marcela Marquez: If you're not working, but you're able to work, and you're not disabled.

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Gloria Raab: I was telling him that I'm I'm at a meeting so.

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Marcela Marquez: Um, you would essentially only be eligible to get benefits for 3 months during a 36 month period.

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Gloria Raab: So I.

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Marcela Marquez: So 3 months worth of calfirs. Benefits for 3 years worth is a really big deal.

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Marcela Marquez: And so we want to make sure that if there are exemptions that allow folks to be eligible, that they do get their benefits.

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Marcela Marquez: And if there are some training programs and other things that they can do that will allow them to get the benefits that they participate in those, and that our county really allows for different types of programs.

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Marcela Marquez: Um throughout the community. So you know, folks have the ability to get back on benefits or receive their benefits.

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Marcela Marquez: Um. I also can't imagine what accommodations the county will be doing.

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Marcela Marquez: Um to try and provide something within within their uh system to.

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Marcela Marquez: You know. Give folks some exemptions, too, if they can accommodate if they're um.

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Marcela Marquez: If they have too many folks that um want to do training, and they don't have enough accommodations within their county that should be something that they should look at and say.

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Marcela Marquez: Well, we can accommodate all these folks. So you know, let's try and do this, or let's try and do that, or let's work with another community partner, and, you know, have them.

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Marcela Marquez: Um, you know, accept volunteer work and things like that. So that's hopefully what we're we're looking that.

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Marcela Marquez: You know, we'll we'll make some change to this. But in a sense, you know, this is really gonna be impactful. And it's gonna kick in next year. So.

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Marcela Marquez: You know, we're just going to wait on guidance from.

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Marcela Marquez: From our county to see how they will be implementing.

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Marcela Marquez: Um, and you know, we'll try and and circle back and provide some more updates so that folks here can get that information.

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Diane Gaspard: What's the date for the calfresh implementation?

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Marcela Marquez: It says, January 2026.

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Diane Gaspard: Okay.

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Marcela Marquez: Mhm, yeah, it's um, it it was supposed to be a 2 year. Waiver, so, we were still, good.

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Marcela Marquez: For some time, but um.

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Marcela Marquez: But the July 4th um.

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Marcela Marquez: Budget changes basically um.

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Marcela Marquez: Change that. So I'm attaching the um the acl.

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Marcela Marquez: Um, so folks can take a look at it. It has a lot of other.

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Marcela Marquez: Cuts to snap um.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Thank you. Marcy. Um!

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Marcela Marquez: Thank you.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Thank you, everybody, for we we um! We filled up our our time slot here, which is really good. I know that there are probably still questions or questions, either questions, brewing.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Or questions that may come up. Please, please.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Feel free to send us an email or call the agency with your questions, um, or requests, and we'll be happy to get back to you.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um again. Thank you for making this month's meeting. Please know that.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Um Mcha does not host a monthly meeting in August, so we have a little recess, a little break, but we will resume with monthly meetings.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Uh in September 3rd Thursday, which falls on September 18.th So look out for our save the dates and um and our registration link for.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: For that September meeting. Um have um.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Have a good rest of uh July and um, and.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Hoping. We see brighter days.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Thanks, everybody.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Hey? Sorry, my my landlord showed.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: I had to get up for a second.

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Liz Ramirez, She/her - MCHA: Okay. So, Celia, I will send you the transcript.

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Celia Valdez, MCHA: Thank you.

