



MEDI-CAL MID-YEAR STATUS REPORT

Since 2003, the Medi-Cal program has required certain adult participants to fill out an additional report six months after application and six months after annual redetermination. This semi-annual report is known as the Mid-Year Status Report (MSR) (form number MC 176 S). Until recently, children under the age of 21 were exempt from this requirement.

Passed in the 2008-9 budget bill, the state **now requires** that Mid-Year Status Reports must be filled out for most children under the age of 21. In Los Angeles, this requirement is being implemented starting January 1, 2009.

Who is exempt from the Mid Year Status Report?

- All infants under 1 year old
- Pregnant women who have reported their pregnancy to their Medi-Cal worker
- Disabled beneficiaries who have reported their disability to their Medi-Cal worker
- Children in the Adoption Assistance Program
- Minor Consent recipients
- Children who are in Foster Care and are NOT living with a parent or relative
- Recipients of Transitional Medi-Cal
- Beneficiaries over age 65
- Beneficiaries on CalWORKs
- Former Foster Care Children
- State-administered Breast and Cervical Treatment Program recipients
- Beneficiaries who have a public guardian

What about pregnant women?

Women whose Medi-Cal eligibility is based on their pregnancy should not receive an MSR. However, if a woman was already on Medi-Cal when she became pregnant she should report her pregnancy to her Eligibility Worker immediately. She can also use the MSR to report her pregnancy.

What about children in foster care?

Foster children who are not living with a parent or relative and who have a public agency assuming their financial responsibility are exempt from the MSR, however, some foster children are placed with relative caregivers, or returned to the custody of their parents. They are not exempt (All County Letter #08-56). Young adults in the Medi-Cal Former Foster Care program ARE exempt.

What if a participant doesn't send in the form?

The beneficiary will receive a notice of action that Medi-Cal benefits will be terminated. A beneficiary still has a 30 day "cure period" during which time they can turn in the report and have their benefits restored without re-applying. If more than 30 days have passed, the beneficiary must re-apply. However, if MSR exempt family members are still aided on the case, the terminated family member can have his/her benefits reinstated by filling out an MC 321 (add a person form) and an MC210 (Medi-Cal application) and returning them to the Eligibility Worker.

How does the new Mid-Year Status Report requirements change Continuous Eligibility for Children (CEC)?

Continuous Eligibility for Children has now been shortened from 12 to six months. Therefore, the CEC period begins at the time of initial application or at the annual redetermination and ends six months later. After the MSR a new CEC period begins which will end at annual redetermination.

Questions or problems?

Call the Health Consumer Center of LA at 800-896-3203 or Maternal and Child Health Access 213-749-4261.