State of California — Health and Human Services



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# **Important Information**

#### The Way You Get Your Medi-Cal Benefits is Changing on [MM/DD/YYYY]

You must enroll in a Medi-Cal managed care plan to receive your Medi-Cal services. The reason for this change is to help bring your Medi-Cal services together in one place.

This is the second letter telling you about your options for choosing a Medi-Cal plan.

Based upon your past services and health care needs, you have been assigned to the Medi-Cal plan named below. **Unless you make a different Medi-Cal plan choice, you will be enrolled in the health plan below on** 

MM/DD/YYYY: NAME OF PLAN

If you have Medicare, this change does not affect your Medicare coverage or your ability to see your Medicare doctor.

## How will this change affect me?

- Your Medi-Cal plan will coordinate all of your Medi-Cal covered services.
- Your Medicare services and providers will NOT change.
- Your Medi-Cal services and benefits will NOT change.
- Your Medi-Cal eligibility does NOT change and it will not cost you extra.

Check with your health plan to determine if your providers work with your selected Medi-Cal plan.

### What services will you get from your Medi-Cal health plan?

Your Medi-Cal plan will coordinate all of your Medi-Cal covered services, including Long Term Services and Supports.

• If you are in Medicare, your Medi-Cal health plan will pay for certain Medicare cost-sharing and other benefits that are not covered by Medicare, such as some transportation, certain medical supplies, and certain prescription drugs.

### What are Medi-Cal Long Term Services and Supports?

- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) are personal care services for people who
  need help to live safely in their homes. If you currently get IHSS, you do not have
  to change your IHSS providers and you can still hire, fire, and manage your
  providers.
- **Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)** is daytime health care at centers that provide nursing, therapy, activities, and meals for people with certain chronic health conditions.
- Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) provides social and health care coordination services for people age 65 and older. If you currently get MSSP, your health plan will work with your MSSP provider to better coordinate your care. You do not have to change your MSSP provider.
- **Nursing home care:** If you get care in a nursing home, your health plan will work with your doctor and nursing home to better coordinate your care. If you are currently in a nursing home, you do not have to change your nursing home.

If you do not get these services now, your Medi-Cal plan can help you get them in the future, if you need them.

### When will I be enrolled in a Medi-Cal health plan?

You will be enrolled in a Medi-Cal health plan starting MM/DD/YYYY.

#### Can I choose a different Medi-Cal health plan?

Yes. You will soon get a packet of health plan information in the mail. Read the materials in this packet. This packet includes:

- A Choice Book that has instructions on how to choose and enroll in a Medi-Cal managed care health plan in your county.
- Provider directories that list the doctors who work with each plan.

#### What should I do now?

- Share this letter and information with your family or someone who knows about your health care needs.
- Talk to your doctors and other health providers to see which health plans they work with.
- If you have Medicare, please call the California Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) at 1-800-434-0222 (TTY 711).
- To choose a different health plan, call Health Care Options Monday-Friday 8am-5pm at 1-844-580-7272 or TTY: 1-800-430-7077 by MM/DD/YYYY.

#### For help or more information

If you have questions about Medicare, please call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you want to select a different Medi-Cal plan, and/or get this letter in another language or alternate format – like large print, audio, or Braille, please call Health Care Options Monday-Friday 8am-5pm at 1-844-580-7272 or TTY: 1-800-430-7077.