

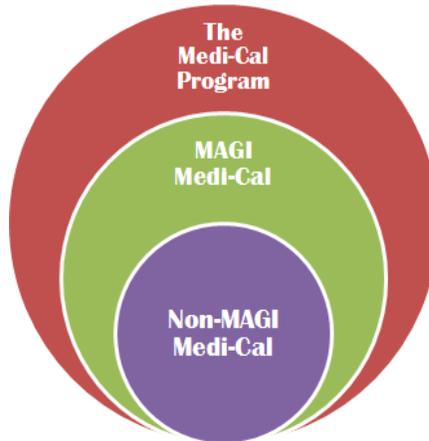
Health Care Reporter

Making San Bernardino County Health Care Ready!



Topic of the Month: Medi-Cal Expansion

The Medi-Cal Expansion changes several existing Medi-Cal regulations, resulting in increased eligibility and greater access to Medi-Cal benefits. Those Medi-Cal programs associated with the expansion will now be subject to a new budgeting methodology known as Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI). "MAGI Medi-Cal" applies to children and adults which have income at or below 138% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). It focuses solely on a person's citizenship/residency and income level. MAGI Medi-Cal is NOT a new Medi-Cal program, but rather a new simplified way to determine eligibility and allows more people access to benefits.

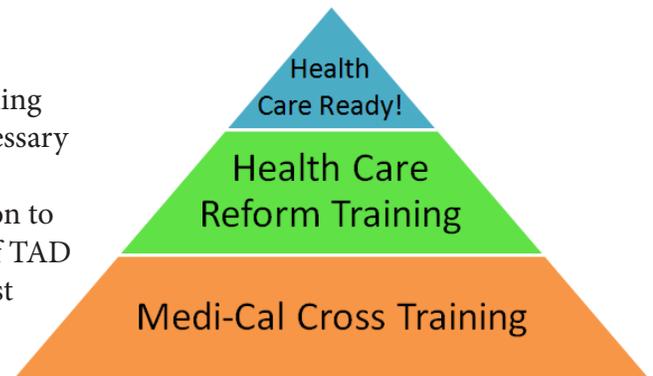


Non-MAGI Medi-Cal is a way of referring to all of the Medi-Cal programs which will NOT be changing with the expansion. These programs are NOT subject to the new regulations and will continue to have the SAME eligibility rules and verification requirements as before. They include: Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD), Long-Term Care (LTC), Age 65 and over, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare Savings, and Medically Needy (AFDC-MN).

Remember, MAGI and Non-MAGI are simply terms to use when distinguishing program regulations, they are BOTH Medi-Cal!

Training Coming Soon!

PERC is currently providing department-wide Medi-Cal cross training for all non Medi-Cal Eligibility Workers (EWs) This process is necessary as it grants staff the needed Medi-Cal background that is crucial to Health Care Reform training, providing staff the essential foundation to become Health Care Ready! Beginning in late July 2013 all levels of TAD personnel will begin HCR training in anticipation of the October 1st pre-enrollment period.



Workgroup Update

Change Management

Currently, this group is publishing the Terms of the Week flyers and monthly Health Care Reporter fact sheets to inform staff of upcoming HCR changes. Projects in the future may include: Stand up Staff Road shows, brown bag luncheons, and small group gatherings, giving staff the opportunity to learn and ask questions about HCR.

Policy and Procedures

This group is discussing upcoming business process and policy changes, including the implementation of Horizontal Integration, handbook updates, and other tools needed to prepare for HCR.

Training

This group is working closely with PERC to determine the training needs of staff relating to HCR. The focus at this time is to continue to provide Medi-Cal cross training to all staff, with HCR training to be provided beginning this summer.

C-IV

Currently, the C-IV workgroup is preparing for system changes related to HCR. This not only includes updates to C-IV to reflect the regulation changes, but the upcoming integration of a new state system known as the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS), which supports Covered California, the new health insurance marketplace.

CSC & WORK@Home

This workgroup is charged with developing the new Work@Home option, which allows the department to have sufficient staff available to provide service to the public during peak demand and through extended office hours. Information sessions are being held throughout the department to update and recruit interested staff.

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