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Important Medi-Cal Changes

Effective January 1, 2027

Members with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status will transition from CenCal Health Managed Care to the State's Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service program.



Coverage is NOT ending. Only the delivery system is changing.

What Providers Need to Know

Who is impacted?

Medi-Cal members with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS).

What is changing?

Affected members will move from CenCal Health Managed Care to Medi-Cal FFS.

Will members lose coverage?

No. Eligible members will remain covered by Medi-Cal. Only the delivery system is changing to FFS.

How will care work?

Members may receive services from providers enrolled in Medi-Cal FFS.

Provider Action Steps

Before December 31, 2026

- Identify members expected to transition.
- Encourage affected members to schedule and receive needed care.
- Continue following existing CenCal Health authorization and billing procedures.

Beginning January 1, 2027

- Verify member eligibility through Medi-Cal FFS.
- Follow DHCS authorization requirements.
- Submit claims according to Medi-Cal FFS billing guidelines.
- Refer questions regarding FFS requirements to DHCS resources.

How Can Providers Identify Affected Members?

Log into the CenCal Health Provider Portal and review the **Member Eligibility** section to identify members expected to transition. Primary care providers can reference the **Coordination of Care Member Assignment** section.

Why This Matters

Coverage is not ending, but the way affected members access care and the way providers manage authorizations and billing will change. Planning ahead can help prevent disruptions for both members and providers.

Resources

For Providers

Visit for details, updates and resources.

www.cencalhealth.org/providers/upcoming-medi-cal-changes/

For Members

Visit for more information about this transition.

www.dhcs.ca.gov/medi-cal/updates/fee-for-service-transition