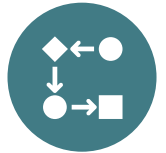


Reduced Timeframes for Retroactive Medi-Cal

H.R. 1: Medi-Cal CA-292997

The CalSAWS 26.06 Release, scheduled for June 15, will include system updates to support revised timeframes for retroactive Medi-Cal. Per H.R. 1, these updates **will apply only to applications dated on or after January 1, 2027.**

Changes to Retroactive Medi-Cal



Effective January 1, 2027, MAGI New Adult Group applicants will be limited to one month of retroactive coverage, and all other Medi-Cal applicants will be limited to two months of retroactive coverage instead of three.

- When an applicant within the MAGI New Adult Group requests more than one month of retroactive Medi-Cal, CalHEERS will return a decision that the applicant is only eligible for one month. Any retroactive month requested beyond the first month will show as denied.
- A new Requested Retro field in the Additional Information section of the MAGI Person Detail page will auto-populate YES or NO based on information received from CalHEERS to indicate if the applicant requested retro months.
- For all other Medi-Cal applicants, a validation message will display on the Medi-Cal Person Detail page when a worker attempts to add or save a retro month that is more than two months prior to the application month.
- Notices sent to applicants applying on or after January 1, 2027, will contain updated language to remove references to three retroactive months and explain approval or denial of requested retroactive months.

Training Resource Updates



The Job aid titled JA – Retroactive Medi-Cal will be updated to reflect these upcoming changes and will be available with the 26.11 Release.

