

CalSAWS

California Statewide Automated Welfare System



H.R. 1 Impacts to Medi-Cal

26.09 | User Impact Summary

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About This Resource

OVERVIEW

This resource provides information about three Medi-Cal-related changes to CalSAWS included in the 26.09 release. These changes support Medi-Cal policy updates and may affect how users complete certain tasks in the System.

The resource is organized around the following System Change Requests (SCRs):

- **CA-292582:** Six-Month Redeterminations for MAGI Medi-Cal New Adult Group
- **CA-292586:** Work and Community Engagement Requirements for New Adult Group
- **CA-294491:** Implementation of State-Only Aid Codes for Individuals with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status

CA-292582 and CA-292586 implement H.R. 1-related System changes. CA-294491 is included due to its overlap with H.R. 1-related changes, though it is related to the California State Budget rather than an H.R. 1 provision.

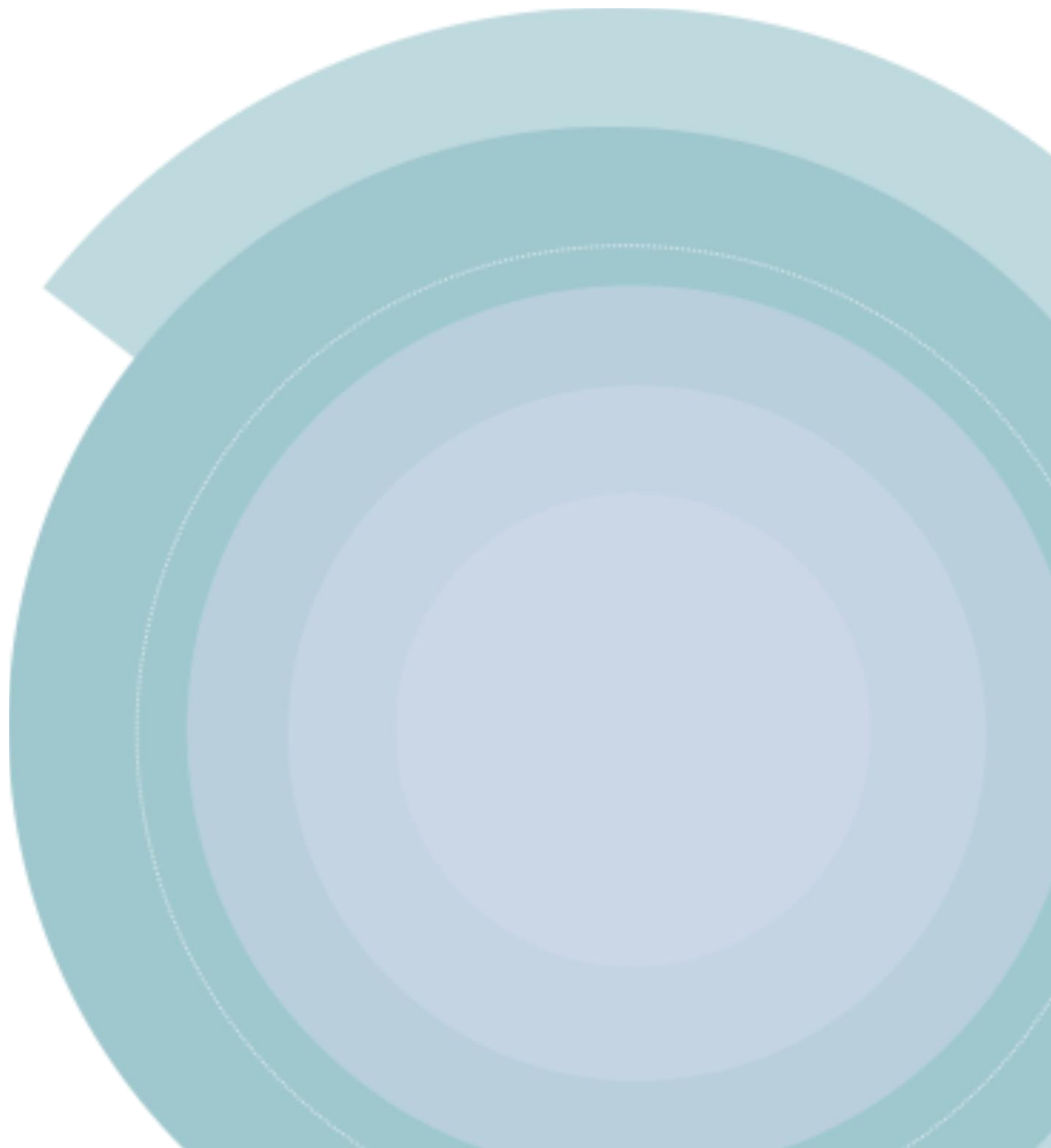
Each SCR section includes a summary of what is changing and the potential impact to users.

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CA-292582 |

Six-Month Redeterminations for
MAGI Medi-Cal New Adult Group



Six-Month Redeterminations for MAGI Medi-Cal New Adult Group

Beginning January 1, 2027, MAGI New Adult Group members will undergo Medi-Cal eligibility renewals every six months rather than annually. To support this change, the System will track and display renewal information for each member in the Medi-Cal program, rather than once at the program level. The six-month renewal process will remain the same as the annual renewal process.

WHAT'S CHANGING

MORE FREQUENT RENEWALS | Impact Level: High ●

Change Summary

Counties will process renewals for MAGI New Adult Group members every six months rather than annually. The first renewals affected by this change are due in March 2027. Members covered by existing exemptions or enrolled in other Medi-Cal coverage groups are not subject to the six-month renewal schedule.

User Impact

The steps for processing Medi-Cal renewals will not change. However, users will notice an increase in renewal processing work for this population.

INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL RENEWAL TRACKING | Impact Level: Medium ●

Change Summary

Renewal tracking will move from the program level to the individual level, with System pages, forms, notices and packets updated accordingly; the RE Due Month will be displayed and managed for each individual through a new Medi-Cal RE Month Detail page.

Medi-Cal Person History, MAGI Person Detail and MAGI Disposition Detail pages will be updated to show individual-level application, renewal and renewal history details. The Case Summary page will display individual RE Due Dates.

User Impact

Users will need to learn how to locate application, renewal and renewal history information at the individual level on pages they frequently use, as well as the layout and functionality of the new Medi-Cal RE Month Detail page.

UPDATES TO RUN EDBC PAGE FUNCTIONALITY | Impact Level: Medium ●

Change Summary

When RE is selected at the program level on the Run EDBC page, a new table will display, allowing users to select RE or a Run Reason for each individual. In addition, a new Select RE for All button will be added to select RE for all eligible individuals. A hard validation message will display if RE is selected at the program level and no individual is selected, or if a person enrolled in multiple Medi-Cal programs has inconsistent RE selections.

User Impact

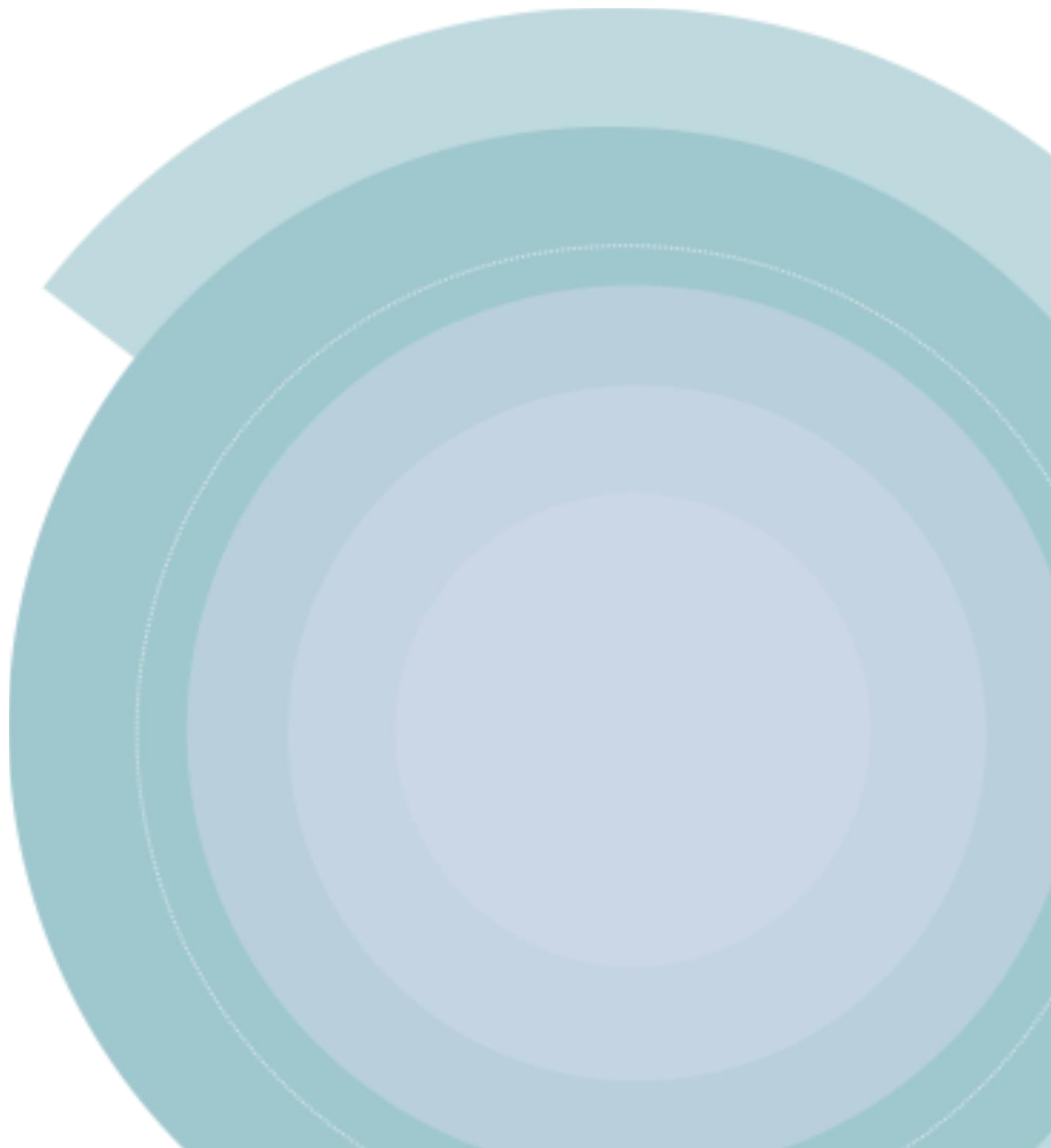
Users will gain more precise control over which individuals are run for renewal, but will need to become familiar with the new individual-level selection table and Select RE for All button, as well as how to prevent and resolve hard validation messages.

UPCOMING RESOURCES

- **Quick Guide:** Medi-Cal Six-Month Renewals

CA-292586 |

Work and Community Engagement
Requirements for New Adult Group



Work and Community Engagement Requirements for New Adult Group

Starting January 1, 2027, MAGI New Adult Group members must meet federal work and community engagement requirements as a condition of Medi-Cal eligibility. The CalSAWS 26.09 release will include updates to capture information used to determine whether work requirement or exemption criteria are met; however, users will not see any system updates until 01/01/2027.

WHAT'S CHANGING

NEW WORK AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS | Impact Level: Medium ●

Change Summary

MAGI New Adult Group members will be subject to federal work and community engagement requirements, regardless of immigration status. Members in other Medi-Cal coverage groups, including Non-MAGI, Mandatory Children's, Pregnancy, emergency-only and pregnancy-services-only coverage, are excluded from these requirements.

User Impact

Users will need to identify which members are subject to or excluded from the requirements.

NEW WORK AND EXEMPTION INFORMATION IN CALSAWS | Impact Level: High ●

Change Summary

The System will add a new Work and Community Engagement Detail page and update existing pages with new fields and verification functionality to capture qualifying work activities, allowable exemptions and related information.

The Individual Demographics Detail page will include a new question asking whether an individual is an Indian, Urban Indian, or California Indian to capture that exemption criteria.

User Impact

Users will need to learn a significant new workflow, including how to enter, edit and view work activity and exemption details, request work requirement verifications, view associated images and track verification status and due dates.

CalHEERS EVALUATION AND NEW SYSTEM RESULTS | Impact Level: High ●

Change Summary

The System will send collected information to CalHEERS to evaluate work requirement or exemption criteria, and will display the returned Work Requirement Status, Work Requirement Status Reason, and Eligibility Evaluation Reason Codes with plain-language descriptions. Under certain conditions, a hard validation message will prevent users from submitting a new MAGI request while a prior CalHEERS disposition is still processing.

User Impact

Users will need to locate and interpret the Work Requirement information displayed on the MAGI Determination Detail page to understand the evaluation outcome returned by CalHEERS. Users may also need to wait and retry a MAGI request if a prior CalHEERS disposition is still processing, introducing a new constraint to their usual workflow.

NEW NON-COMPLIANCE, NOTICE, AND PROCESSING UPDATES | Impact Level: Medium ●

Change Summary

The System will add new type and reason selections to document Work Requirements non-compliance. Notices will generate for members denied or discontinued for failing to provide or meet work requirements. Users with applicable security rights can request a restart of the work requirement e-verification process from the MAGI Determination List.

User Impact

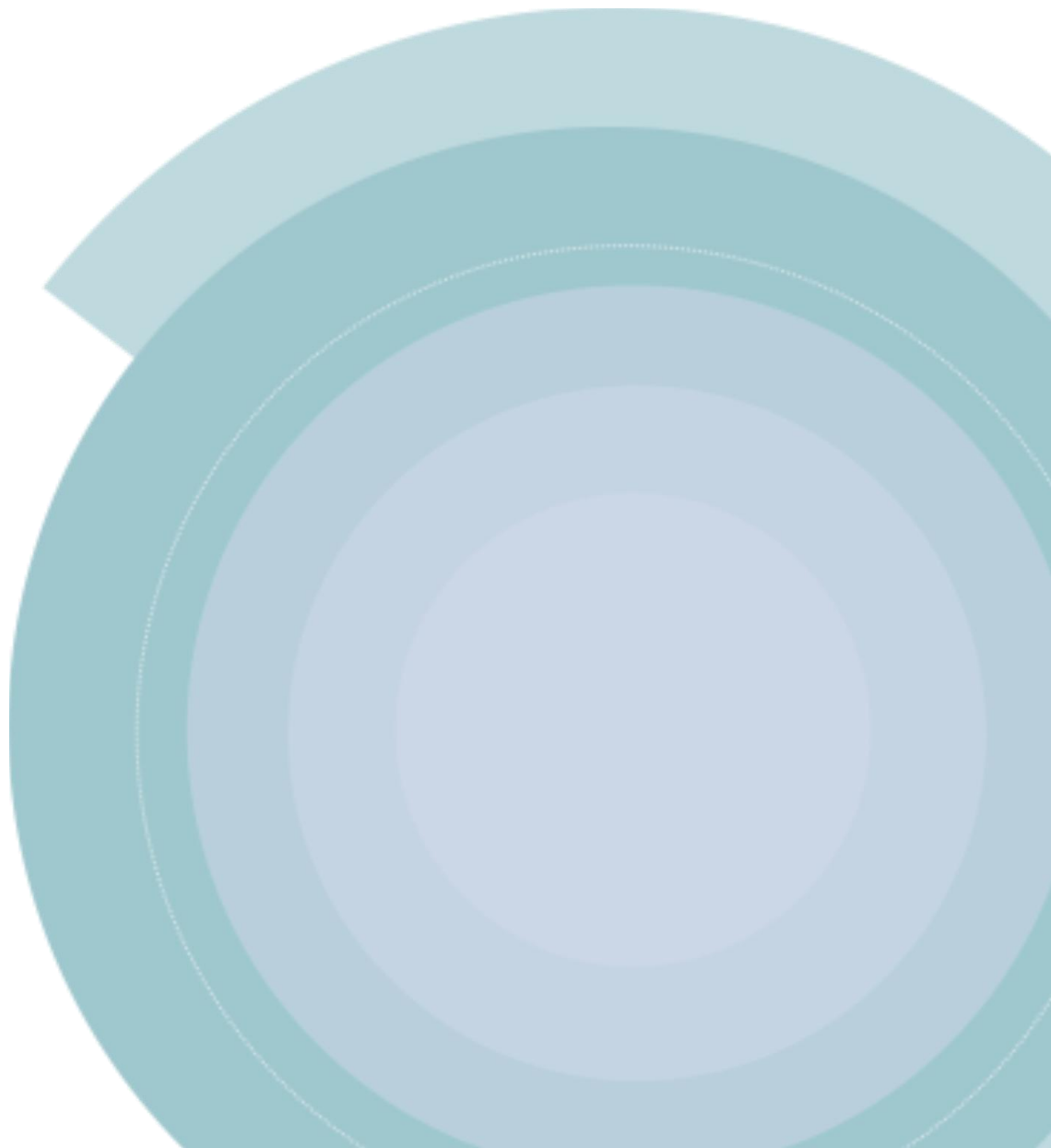
Users must learn when and how to record this new type of non-compliance and be aware that it can trigger notices.

UPCOMING RESOURCES

- **Quick Guide:** Medi-Cal Work Requirements

CA-294491 |

Implementation of State-Only
Aid Codes for Individuals with
Unsatisfactory Immigration Status



Implementation of State-Only Aid Codes for Individuals with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status

In preparation for a Medi-Cal monthly premium requirement beginning July 2027, certain Medi-Cal populations will transition from federally funded full-scope aid codes to new state-only aid codes beginning with the January 2027 benefit month.

Affected populations include individuals with Newly Qualified Individual (NQI) status, Expansion Freeze with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS), or Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) status.

The 26.09 CalSAWS release adds the functionality needed to support this transition.

WHAT'S CHANGING**NEW STATE-ONLY AID CODES | Impact Level: Medium** ●**Change Summary**

Fourteen new state-only MAGI and Non-MAGI aid codes will be added. The new state-only MAGI aid codes (1C, W9, 1D, 1J, Y1, 1K, 1M, Y2, 1N) and state-only Non-MAGI aid codes (V4, V5, V6, W5, W6) will display for impacted individuals starting with the January 2027 benefit month.

User Impact

Users will need to become familiar with the new MAGI and Non-MAGI state-only aid codes. For affected aid-code segments, users will see MEDS alert number 9586 display as CRITICAL rather than ACTION, and should respond according to County policy for this higher-priority alert type.

TRANSITION TO STATE-ONLY AID CODES | Impact Level: Low ●**Change Summary**

An automated one-time batch process will attempt to transition the impacted individuals from federally funded full-scope aid codes to the appropriate state-only aid codes. The transition to the new state-only aid codes will occur incrementally under CA-300430 beginning 11/25/2026. Individuals who could not be transitioned by the batch job will be sent to the Counties for processing.

A monthly batch process will run starting in January 2027 to transition NQI individuals from the state-only aid codes to the federally funded full-scope aid code once they have met the 5-year bar.

User Impact

This automated process will not directly impact users. However, Counties may need to manually process individuals who could not be transitioned by the batch job.

EXCEPTIONS | Impact Level: Low ●**Change Summary**

Members who are pregnant or within their 365-day postpartum period, will not transition to state-only aid codes regardless of their immigration status.

User Impact

When reviewing cases for these populations prior to the January 2027 benefit month, users will continue to see the existing federally funded aid code rather than a new state-only code.