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To: All Providers and IPAs
From: Provider Communication
Date: January 30, 2024
Subject: NEW! Medi-Cal Expansion Initiative effective January 1, 2024 – Adults Aged 26 through 49

Beginning January 1, 2024, immigrants of all ages, regardless of immigration status, qualify for Medi-Cal under Senate Bill (SB) 184. Individuals aged 26 through 49 with an Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) are now included in the expansion of Medi-Cal eligibility and assignment to IEHP and other health plans.

Background

The Adult Expansion for ages 26 through 49 mirrors the Young Adult Expansion (which granted full-scope Medi-Cal to individuals ages 19 through 25), and the Older Adult Expansion (which extended coverage to those aged 50 years and older.) This expansion follows a historic nine-year journey since then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB 184 into law in 2015. Full-scope Medi-Cal provides access to essential healthcare services, including primary and preventive care, specialists, pharmaceuticals, and more.

How does this affect your practice?

On or after January 1, 2024, PCPs will see these new IEHP Medi-Cal Members assigned through our standard assignment processes. We are anticipating more than 40,000 new Members to join under this expansion effective February 1, 2024!

Thank you for your partnership in caring for these new IEHP Members, our community and supporting health equity in the Inland Empire.

We appreciate your support in spreading the news about this expansion.

Should any of your patients or their families require more information, please share the resources provided or direct them to IEHP Medi-Cal Member Services 1-800-440-IEHP (4347).

Resources

You can learn more about the Adult Full Medi-Cal Expansion on the DHCS website at bit.ly/AdultExpansion.

To access Provider requirements, refer to the DHCS All Plan Letter (APL) 23-031 [Adult Expansion Final Clean.pdf](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/AdultExpansionFinalClean.pdf) ([ca.gov](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov)).

For questions about immigration and the Medi-Cal program, visit the California's Immigrant Guide at immigrantguide.ca.gov/.

Information on how an individual can apply for Medi-Cal can be found here: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/pages/applyformedi-cal.aspx>.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347 or email ProviderServices@iehp.org.