

CHAPTER 8

CMIPS & SHARE-OF-COST

GLOSSARY

BIC - Benefit Identification Card (Medi-Cal Card).

Buy-Out - The difference between the higher MEDS Share-of-Cost (SOC), and the lower IHSS SOC. This amount will be paid by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

CDSS - California Department of Social Services

Client Index Number (CIN) - A unique identifier assigned to each client by the Statewide Client Index. CMIPS uses this number for identifying matching cases in other systems/programs.

COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

CMIPS - Case Management Information and Payrolling System

Daily IHSS Response File - Daily file received from MEDS containing updated Medi-Cal eligibility information.

DHS/DHCS – Department of Health Services/Department of Health Care Services.

EDS - Electronic Data System.

Explanation of IHSS Share-of-Cost Letters (SOCL) – Separate letters sent to the recipient and the provider *after each timesheet submission*. The letters inform both the recipient, and the provider of the current SOC amount. The recipient will be expected to pay the SOC directly to the provider. These letters will be system-generated and mailed by the CMIPS contractor.

FBU - Family Budget Unit.

FFP - Federal Financial Participation (indicates the client is eligible to federal funding).

FRC - Family Resource Center-

ICT - Intercounty Transfer

IHSS-R - IHSS Residual.

IPW - IHSS Plus Waiver

Interprogram Transfer - A transfer from one aid category to another aid category, in which the first digit of the aid code changes.

Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) - The regulations used to administer programs within CDSS. IHSS regulations are found in the Division 30-700 series.

MRE - Medi-Cal Recognized Expenses are services for which the Medi-Cal program will pay a service provider.

MEDS IHSS Renewal File - Monthly data received from MEDS containing individual eligibility and SOC information. This information is used to process the Buy-Out and assign Secondary Aid Codes.

MEDS Printout - A screen print of information found in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) displaying SSI/SSP benefits.

MELG - Medical Eligibility Screen.

MVFRC - Mission Valley Family Resource Center.

NOA - Notice of Action

Point-of-Service Terminal - A device used by Medi-Cal Providers to identify and record SOC payments for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

SCI - Statewide Client Index Screen.

SEFRC – South East Family Resource Center.

Share-of-Cost - Some IHSS program recipients must pay a monthly dollar amount toward their Medi-Cal expenses before they qualify for IHSS or Medi-Cal benefits. This dollar amount is called Share of Cost (SOC).

Share-Of-Cost (SOC) Comparison - CMIPS now compares the Medi-Cal SOC with the IHSS SOC. The recipients eligible for the SOC comparison are responsible for the lower of the two amounts. To be eligible for the SOC comparison, the recipient must be eligible for Full-Scope Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal and the IHSS Plus Waiver (IPW) Program. California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will pay Medi-Cal Recognized Expenses (MRE's) *equal* to the difference between the two share-of-cost amounts. This amount is the "Buy-Out".

SPEC Payment - Special Payment

The SPEC screen is used to issue special payments that cannot be made through the normal payment process. This includes appeal decisions, an under issuance, etc.

Spenddown - The Spenddown refers to the amount of SOC paid by the recipient to the IHSS provider, or any other Medi-Cal recognized service that can be applied against and reduce the Medi-Cal SOC.