

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS)A)
General Relief (GR) Program Guide (PG) Letter**

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Issue Date:
10/23/2014

Effective Date:
Upon Receipt

Purpose:
To provide updated instructions for counting the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction.

Background:
[GRPG Letter 73](#) provided instructions for several changes to the GR Program.

Policy Change:
Effective with the issuance of this letter, only GR recipients who also receive County Medical Services (CMS) will have the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction counted against their GR grant.

Summary of Changes:
GRPG 90-400.5: Updated instructions for counting the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction for GR recipients.

Impacts:

Automation:

For ongoing cases: all cases with the workaround adding \$40 of other unearned income to the budget must have this income ended-dated effective 10/31/2014. For new and ongoing cases, the following entries must be made to ensure that the Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction is not counted for individuals who are not receiving CMS.

If the recipient has ...	Then ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare • VA Medical • Covered California • Private Insurance 	Select "Client has applied for County MC Aid" in the Collect Individual Compliance Detail window.
Medi-Cal	Check the Collect Individual Prior/Current Aid Detail window to ensure Medi-Cal is listed for the month. Note: Some aid codes may not be available until Release 39, scheduled for November 10, 2014. If the aid code is not listed, complete a bottom line override to remove the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS • Refuses to apply for coverage 	Make no additional entries so that the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction is counted against the grant.

Programs Affected:
GR

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90-400.05. UNEARNED INCOME

K. Medical Assistance In- Kind Deduction

Senate Bill 681 gave counties the authority to deduct up to \$40 for in-kind medical assistance provided/available to GR applicants/recipients. Therefore, GR cases will have a \$40 deduction for in-kind medical assistance as shown in the table below.

If the GR recipient has medical coverage through ...	Then ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medi-Cal• Medicare• VA Medical• Covered California• Private Insurance	Do not count the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction against the GR grant.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMS• Refuses to apply for coverage	Count the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind Deduction against the GR grant.

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L. Obsolete

Saved for future use.
