

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS)A)  
Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter**

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**Issue Date:**  
10/26/2015

**Effective Date:**  
Upon Receipt

**Purpose:**  
To provide you with updates on policies and procedures related to the ALW and to inform you that the ALW is now available in San Diego.

**Background:**  
ALW is a program designed as an alternative to Long Term Care (LTC) for beneficiaries to remain in the community and receive many of the services associated with LTC in residential care facilities for the elderly or publicly funded senior housing. Individuals eligible to the ALW were required to move to an ALW facility in another county since there were no ALW facilities in San Diego.

**Policy Change:**  
ALW facilities are now available in San Diego. ALW individuals do not need to move to another county in order to receive ALW services.

**Impacts:**  
No impact to other programs.

**Automation:**  
The special rules for the ALW are not programmed in CalWIN. Until such time, eligibility workers must complete ALW eligibility determinations outside of CalWIN and request a manual override of CalWIN eligibility results and aid codes when Medi-Cal eligibility is granted under these rules.

**Forms and Document Capture:**  
The following forms are not available in CalWIN but are available to order in Xerox and are also available for immediate print in the Eligibility Forms Repository:

- MC 240 – Approval for Enrollment in Assisted Living Waiver with Medi-Cal Changes for beneficiary
- MC 241 – Approval for Enrollment in Assisted Living Waiver and Initial Medi-Cal
- MC 242 – Denial of Enrollment in Assisted Living Waiver and/or Medi-Cal Referral Form

Follow existing procedures to Document Capture any client correspondence issued outside of CalWIN.

**Quality Control:**  
Upon resumption of Medi-Cal case reviews, Quality Control will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

**References:**

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**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 10/31/2018.

**Approval for Release:**



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