

# Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter #659

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**Subject**            **ARTICLE A — QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR SHARE OF COST, REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT, AND LIENS**

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**Effective Date**    Upon receipt

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**Reference**         County Policy

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**Purpose**            This letter is to provide the CMS staff with questions and answers to assist with responding to client inquiries regarding the new CMS requirements and to inform staff of an exception to the lien policy.

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**Background**      A modification to the CMS program was implemented on July 1, 2008. As a result of the modification there have been several changes to the CMS program. All CMS applicants/beneficiaries are required to sign lien forms as a condition of eligibility. If an applicant's income is over 165% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), the applicant is required to also sign a reimbursement agreement, and may have a monthly share of cost to pay towards their medical/dental care.

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**Change**            A question and answer (Q&A) document has been created to assist CMS workers and inform applicants/beneficiaries of the modifications to the CMS program. The Q&A document includes questions and answers for Share of Cost, Reimbursement Agreement and Liens. The CMS Q&A document must be given to all CMS applicants.

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**Exception to the Lien Policy**      **Exception to the lien requirement:** If the applicant/beneficiary is confined to the hospital for tuberculosis (TB), they may not have to sign the Lien. If the applicant/beneficiary is confined to the hospital for TB and also receiving services not related to TB, they may not have to sign the Lien. If the applicant/beneficiary is in the hospital for other reasons, but is not confined to the hospital for TB, the fact that they have TB does not exempt them from signing the Lien.

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**Forms Impact** CMS-112 County Medical Services Q&A document (Attachment A & Attachment B). The Q&A has been added to the CMS website and is available in iWAY.

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**Automation Impact** None

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**Quality Assurance Impact** None

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**Summary of Changes** The table below shows the changes made to the Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG).

<b>Article/Section</b>	<b>Changes</b>
Article A, Section 5	Updated question and answer document for Share of Cost, Reimbursement Agreements, and Liens. Add an exception to the Lien policy.

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