

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Letter #618

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Subject **HIERARCHY OF MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS AND NAME CHANGE FOR THE STATE PROGRAMS**

Effective Date Upon receipt.

Reference ACWDLs 06-28E; 06-41

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to provide staff with:

- Updates to the order of evaluation when determining Aged and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) eligibility
- Updates to the standard order of evaluation as specified in MPG Article 19, Section 1 relating to Section 1931(b)/aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) individuals and managed care plan
- Name change of State Programs (SP), formerly known as Disability and Adult Programs Division (DAPD)

Background Currently, MPG Article 5, Section 19 instructs staff to evaluate an aged or disabled individual for eligibility to the A&D FPL Program prior to the ABD Medically Needy (MN) Program. Additionally, MPG Article 19, Section 1 specifies an exception to the standard order of evaluation by allowing an ABD individual to revert to an ABD Aid Code (AC) instead of Section 1931(b) if the individual expressed that he/she is unable to obtain the medical services previously obtained under the ABD AC.

With this letter, the order of evaluation for the A&D FPL Program is updated to allow an aged or disabled individual to receive zero SOC Medi-Cal, under either the A&D FPL Program or the ABD MN Program per clarification issued by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Furthermore, the exception to the standard order of evaluation relating to Section 1931(b)/ABD individuals and managed care plan is removed to comply with the ACWDL. Lastly, the State Programs (SP), formerly known as Disability and Adult Programs Division (DAPD) is now known as the Disability Determination Service Division (SP-DDSD).

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Changes to Order of Evaluation for A&D FPL

An aged or disabled individual may receive zero SOC Medi-Cal, either under the A&D FPL or the ABD MN program, if otherwise eligible. The order of evaluation when determining A&D FPL eligibility is as follows:

- Pickle
 - Section 1931(b)
 - A&D FPL/ABD MN No Share of Cost
 - ABD MN Share of Cost
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Removal of Exception to Standard Order of Evaluation for 1931(b)/ABD Individuals

The exception to the standard order of evaluation as specified in MPG Article 19, Section 1, which allows an ABD individual to revert to an ABD AC instead of Section 1931(b) if he/she expresses difficulty in obtaining consistent medical care, is removed from the MPG.

An ABD individual who is determined eligible to Section 1931(b) must be aided under the appropriate Section 1931(b) AC. If the individual expresses difficulty in obtaining medical services due to inclusion in a managed care plan, staff are advised to refer him/her to the Health Care Options (HCO) representative within the FRC to file a "Request for Medical Exemption from Plan Enrollment."

SP-DAPD Name Change

The State Programs (SP), formerly known as Disability and Adult Programs Division (DAPD) is now known as the Disability Determination Services Division (SP-DDSD).

Automation Impact

CalWIN is currently programmed to evaluate an ABD individual for zero SOC Medi-Cal using the order of evaluation stated above.

Forms Impact

No impact.

Quality Assurance Impact

Effective with February 2008 review month, Quality Assurance will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

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Summary of Changes

Article	Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 5, Sections 3 & 4 • Article 5, Section 4 TOC • Article 5, Section 4 Appendices 	Replace DAPD with DDSD references
Article 5, Section 19	Update A&D FPL Order of Evaluation and replace DAPD with DDSD references
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 19, Section 1 • Article 19, Section 1, Appendix G 	Remove the exception to standard order of evaluation for 1931(b) as it relates to ABD individuals and managed care plan

Filing Instructions

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