

# Medi-Cal Program Guide Special Notice (SN) 13-09, Addendum J

November 21, 2014

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**Subject** HEALTH CARE REFORM (HCR) MEDI-CAL

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**Effective** January 1, 2014

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**Reference** [ACWDL #14-28](#)

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**Purpose** To inform staff of the following:

- Elimination of the deprivation requirement for the Medi-Cal program effective January 1, 2014.
- Pregnant women linkage to the Parent/ Caretaker Relative group and AFDC- MN group.
- Medi-Cal linkage for stepparents.
- Sneede vs. Kizer rules.

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**Background** Prior to January 1, 2014, individuals in families were required to have linkage through a deprived child in order to be eligible to the 1931b or AFDC-Medically Needy (MN) programs.

Deprivation was established through the absence, death, incapacity or unemployment/underemployment of at least one parent in the child's family.

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**Elimination of Deprivation** Effective January 1, 2014, linkage to the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Parent/Caretaker Relatives group and the AFDC-MN program is established by the parent/caretaker living with the child or children for whose care the parent/caretaker relative has primary responsibility. Children no longer need deprivation to be eligible for those groups if they are living with a parent/caretaker relative.

#### **Definition of Children**

- Under the MAGI Parent/ Caretaker group, a child is defined as someone who is under the age of 18 unless he/she is 18 years old and a full-time student in a secondary school or equivalent level of vocational or technical training.

- Under AFDC-MN, a child is defined as a non-disabled individual who is under the age 21 or a disabled individual under the age of 18.

**Note:** The age requirements for linkage purposes to the MAGI Parent/ Caretaker Relative group may not correspond to the age definitions for the Children’s groups or for household composition purposes.

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**Pregnant Women** For the Parent/ Caretaker Relative group, the unborn child provides linkage in the last trimester of pregnancy.  
For the AFDC-MN program, the unborn provides linkage from conception.

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**Stepparents** Stepparents are now linked if there is a step-child in the household (HH) with the parent.

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**Sneede vs. Kizer** Only applies to MN cases. A MAGI evaluation must be applied prior to a MN- Sneede evaluation.

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**Required Action** Staff must apply these changes at application, redetermination, when a change is reported, at fair hearing, at client’s request or whenever a case is brought to the County’s attention.

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**Automation Impact** Current CalWIN functionality does not support elimination of deprivation under the MN group. A bottom line override will need to be performed along with the MEDS online transaction (via 14-28 HHSA) to obtain the needed results.  
For Override instructions refer to [How To 154](#).

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**Forms Impact** No Impact

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**ACCESS Impact** No Impact

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**Imaging Impact** No Impact

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**PA (CalFresh  
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CalWORKs)  
Program  
Impact**

No Impact

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**Quality  
Control (QC)  
Impact**

Upon resumption of desk reviews, Quality Control (QC) will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this SN.

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**Sunset Date**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 11/21/2015.

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**Approval for  
Release**

 11-18-14

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