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Re: Medi-Cal Eligibility Update Effective January 1, 2026- For Long-Term Care Facilities

Dear KP Long-Term Care Providers,

The purpose of this communication is to inform LTC Providers of recent changes to Medi-Cal asset limit rules that may impact the Medi-Cal eligibility of residents in your facility.

Effective January 1, 2026, California will resume counting assets when determining Medi-Cal eligibility for Members and applicants whose eligibility is based on being age 65 or older, having a disability, residing in a nursing facility, or belonging to a household that exceeds income limits under federal tax rules. Asset limits will return to the levels in place prior to 2023; specifically: \$130,000 for an individual and \$65,000 for each additional household member. Married couples and registered domestic partners who qualify for Spousal Impoverishment protections may be eligible for additional asset protections.

Medi-Cal members residing in long-term care facilities may be impacted by this change. Facilities are encouraged to support member awareness and timely engagement with County Medi-Cal eligibility workers as part of the redetermination process. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Notices to impacted members in November 2025. These Notices, along with additional guidance and frequently asked questions, are available beginning on page 3 of the [All County Welfare Directors Letter \(September 2025\)](#). This change applies only to Medi-Cal eligibility determinations and does not impact reimbursement, coverage, or claims processing for other Kaiser Permanente lines of business, including Senior Advantage (KPSA) or commercial products.

If members have questions regarding eligibility, asset limits, or asset transfers, they should be directed to [their local County Medi-Cal office](#), DHCS resources, trusted community organizations such as Legal Aid, and/or other qualified legal or financial professionals. Frequently asked questions related to the asset test are available beginning on page 5 of the same [All County Welfare Letter \(September 2025\)](#). Please note that Kaiser Permanente cannot determine Medi-Cal eligibility or provide individual financial or legal guidance related to asset planning. For questions regarding this communication please contact KP Medi-Cal Provider Solutions at camedicalcontracting@kp.org.

Sincerely,
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.