



Your Health. Your Choice.

We're Here to Help.

YOU AND YOUR MEDI-CAL INFO

You Deserve to Know What's Happening

Some **personal information from Medi-Cal applications**—like name, birthday, and immigration status—**was recently shared between federal Medicaid and immigration agencies**. This sharing has raised concerns for undocumented community members. We have not, nor would our State or County Medi-Cal partners, share your personal data with federal immigration agencies. While the full impact is still unclear, **it's important to know the facts** before deciding what to do next.

Protecting Your Information

In July 2025, some Medi-Cal data was shared with federal immigration enforcement. California leaders fought back, and a court ordered it to stop. The case continues, but your information is protected right now. Having health benefits are very important and, for most people, outweigh the risk of information being shared.

Canceling Now Won't Delete Your Info

Even if you cancel your Medi-Cal now, any personal information you already shared has likely already been sent. Canceling now won't stop that information from being used or stored.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Talk to Someone You Trust

If you're feeling unsure about Medi-Cal and how your information is used, you're not alone. It's okay to have questions—what matters most is that you get the facts and feel safe making the best choice for you and your family.



Learn More: Start by contacting a trusted community organization that works with Medi-Cal recipients. A list of organizations is available on the back side of this flyer.



Get Legal Aid: If you need help, we can connect you with free legal or immigration support.

Discuss With Your Family

Medi-Cal decisions can affect your whole family, so it's important to talk together and choose what feels best. Share what you've learned, listen to each other's concerns, and talk about what matters most. Then, decide together on the next steps that feel right for everyone.



1-888-421-8080

You are not alone. We stand with you—for health, safety, and dignity.



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
**IMMIGRATION
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I already have Medi-Cal. Will I lose it in 2026?

A: No. If you already have Medi-Cal, you can keep it regardless of your immigration status. The rules are changing for new people who are undocumented who want to sign up after January 1, 2026. If you already have Medi-Cal, you can stay covered. Medi-Cal will keep helping you pay for doctor visits, medicine, and other health care as long as you renew every year.

Q: Do I need to sign up again before January 1, 2026?

A: No. You don't need to apply again. You only need to renew when Medi-Cal asks you to. Each year, Medi-Cal sends you a renewal letter in the mail. Fill it out and send it back so your coverage stays active. ***If you move, make sure Medi-Cal has your new address so you don't miss this letter.*** You can visit one of the organizations listed at the bottom of this flyer if you need help.

Q: Is it safe for me to keep using Medi-Cal?

A: Having health insurance through Medi-Cal gives you important benefits, like being able to see a doctor, get medicine, and take care of your health. These benefits are very important and, for most people, outweigh the risk that some information could be shared with federal immigration agencies and used for enforcement. However, it is important for you and your family to understand the facts so that you can make your own choices about what feels best for them:

- **Data sharing:** In July 2025, there were reports that some Medicaid/Medi-Cal data had been shared between federal immigration and health agencies. California leaders immediately pushed back, and in August 2025 a federal court ordered the health department to stop sharing Medi-Cal data with immigration enforcement. The case is still ongoing, but right now your information is no longer being shared.

Q: Will using Medi-Cal hurt my immigration case?

A: No. The government's current rule says that using Medi-Cal does not count against you for "public charge." That means getting doctor visits, medicine, or other health care through Medi-Cal will not harm your immigration case. The only exception is if the government pays for long-term care in a nursing home. Regular Medi-Cal services, like checkups, hospital visits, and prescriptions, are safe to use.

Q: Where can I get help applying for Medi-Cal?

A: You can call the County of Santa Cruz Employment and Benefits Services Division at 888-421-8080. Friendly staff can answer your questions and guide you through the process. You can also get free, in-person help from the local community organizations listed below:

APPOINTMENT ONLY

Santa Cruz Mountain Health Center

- 231 Main St., Suite A, Ben Lomond
- Phone: 831-427-3500
- Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

Live Oak Health Center

- 1510 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz
- Phone: 831-427-3500
- Hours: M-Th 8am-8pm, F 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm

Santa Cruz Women's Health Center

- 250 Locust St., Santa Cruz
- Phone: 831-427-3500
- Hours: M-Th 8am-8pm, F 8am-5pm

Bringing Families Home

- 115 Coral St., Santa Cruz
- Phone: 831-458-6020
- Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Central Coast Center for Independent Living

- 1350 41st Ave., Ste. #101, Capitola
- Phone: 831-757-2968
- Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Encompass Community Services ALTO SUD Outpatient

- 380 Encinal St., Suite 200, Santa Cruz
- Phone: 831-226-3728 ext. 2
- Hours: M-F 9am-4pm

Davenport Resource Center

- 150 Church St., Davenport
- Phone: 831-425-8115
- Hours: M-Th 9:30am-6pm

Salud Para La Gente

- 204 East Beach St., Watsonville
- Phone: 831-728-0222
- Hours: M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm

WALK-INS WELCOME

La Manzana Community Resources

- 521 Main St., Ste. Y, Watsonville
- Phone: 831-724-2997
- Hours: M-F 9am-4:30pm

Live Oak Community Resources

- 1740 17th Ave., Santa Cruz
- Phone: 831-476-7284
- Hours: M-Th 9am-5pm

Mountain Community Resources

- 6134 Highway 9, Felton
- Phone: 831-335-6600
- Hours: M & Th 9am-4:30pm; T & W 9am-3pm

Nueva Vista Community Resources

- 711 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz
- Phone: 831-423-5747
- Hours: M-F 9am-4:30pm

Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County

- 521 Main Street, Ste. Y, Watsonville
- Phone: 831-724-2997
- Hours: M-F 9am-4:30pm

Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.

- 406 Main St., Ste 406, Watsonville
- Phone: 831-222-0960, assistance in Spanish, Mixteco, English
- Hours: M-F 9am-4pm

