



# County Medical Services

Update for Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)  
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# Potential Local Impacts from Federal and State Changes

**314,000**

San Diego County residents will be subject to new work requirements



**95,000**

Residents might be unable to meet new work requirements



**75,000**

Residents only might be eligible for emergency Medi-Cal due to their immigration status



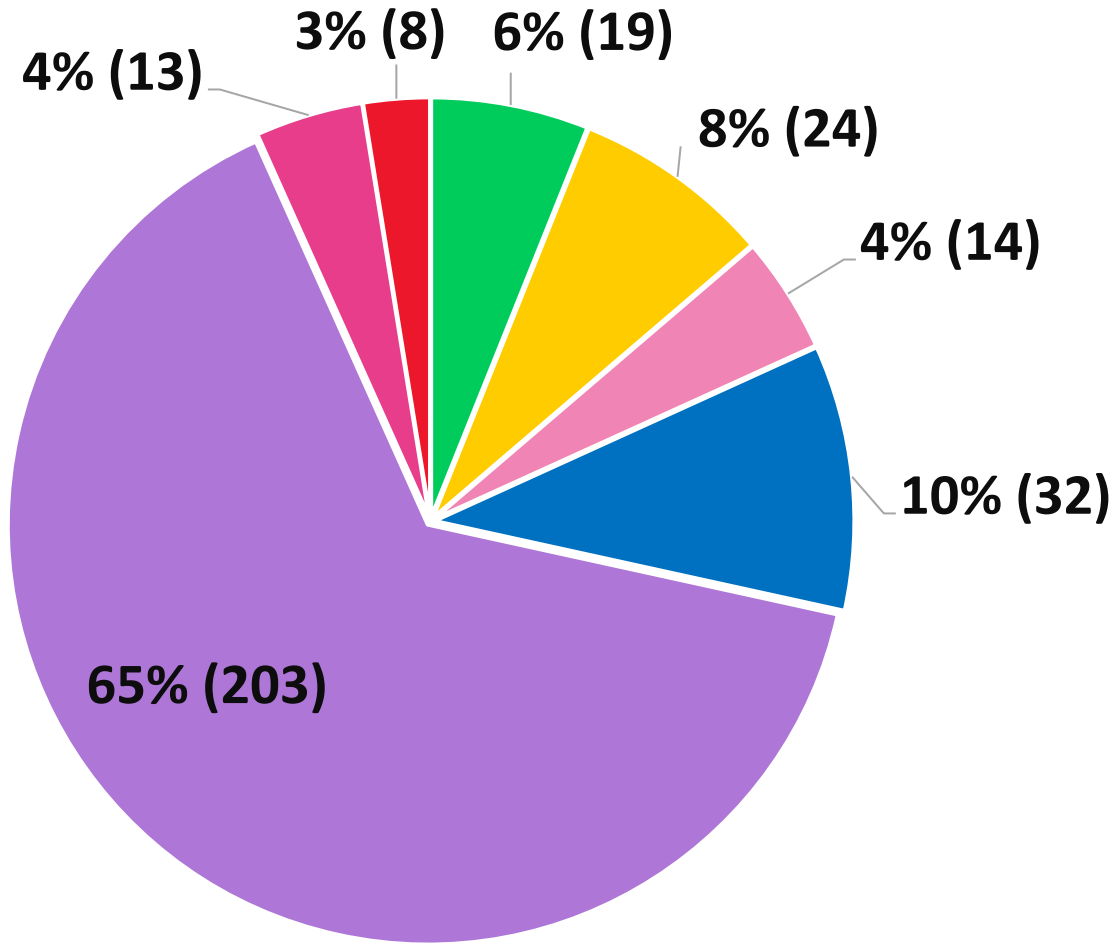
# The Difference Between Medi-Cal and CMS

	Medi-Cal Today	County Medical Services
1	State and Federal Funded	County Funded
2	Free or low-cost health insurance	Enrollees are required to repay their medical costs
3	Includes preventive care	Does not include preventive care
4	Retroactive coverage for 3 months before the application was received	Retroactive coverage from the date the application was received
5	Ongoing health insurance for low-income Californians	For County residents who have an emergency medical, emergency dental, or chronic medical condition.

# County Medical Services | Application Status



313 applications received 4/1/25 - 4/23/26



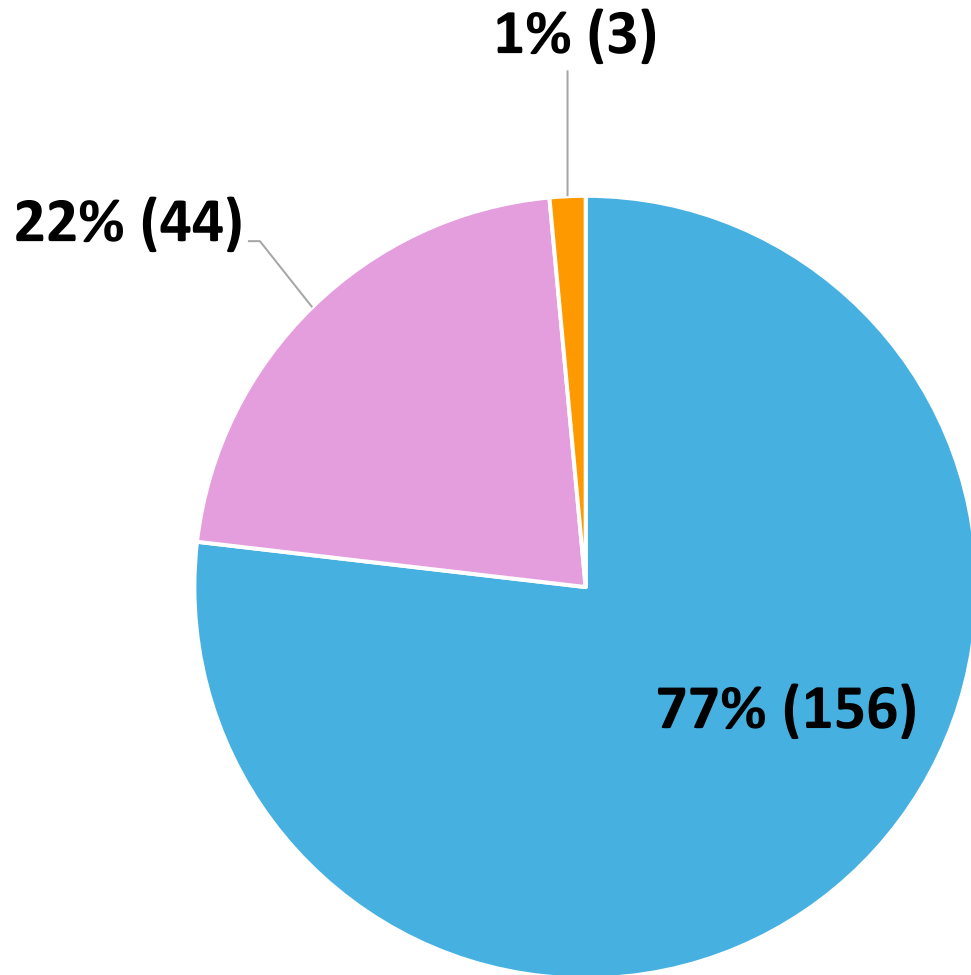
- Approved
- Pending
- Closed Due to Application Opened in Error
- Denied Due to Excess Income or Property
- Denied Due to Application Not Completed
- Denied Due to Applicant Linked to Medi-Cal <sup>1</sup>
- Denied for Other Reason <sup>2</sup>

Applicants may fall under multiple categories, graph reflects primary reason for denial  
1: Includes hospital presumptive eligibility and those who already receive Medi-Cal benefits  
2: Includes Withdrawn, Not a Citizen/Eligible Alien, and Not a County Resident  
Source: Administrative Services Organization. Data as of April 23, 2026.

# County Medical Services | Application Status



203 applications were not completed  
4/1/25 - 4/23/26



- CMS Application Not Complete
- Credit Report and/or Lien Forms Not Complete
- Medi-Cal Process Not Complete



# Current Eligibility



## Eligibility

- Have an immediate or long-term medical need
- 21 through 64 years of age
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Reside in San Diego County
- Denied Medi-Cal
- Sign property lien forms in person



# Financial Requirements



- Meet CMS Financial Requirements:
  - Income limit of 0-165% of the FPL
  - Property limit of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple
- CMS Hardship
  - Income 165% to 350% FPL
  - Required to pay a Share of Cost for services received



# Current Coverage



## Included:

- Emergency medical and dental care
- Care for urgent and chronic medical conditions
- Some surgical and diagnostic procedures
- Certain medications

## Not included:

- Preventive care
- Behavioral health
- Pregnancy and family planning
- Transplants
- Non-emergency dental care



# Current Enrollment Process



- Proof of Medi-Cal denial
- Provide verification documents
  - Proof of identity
  - Proof of County residence
  - Proof of immigration status
  - Proof of current income and financial resources
- Sign property lien forms (in-person)
- Sign credit check forms



# Current Administration of CMS



- Initial certification for 6 – 12 months
- Coverage starts date application received
- 14-day appeal time from the date of the denial



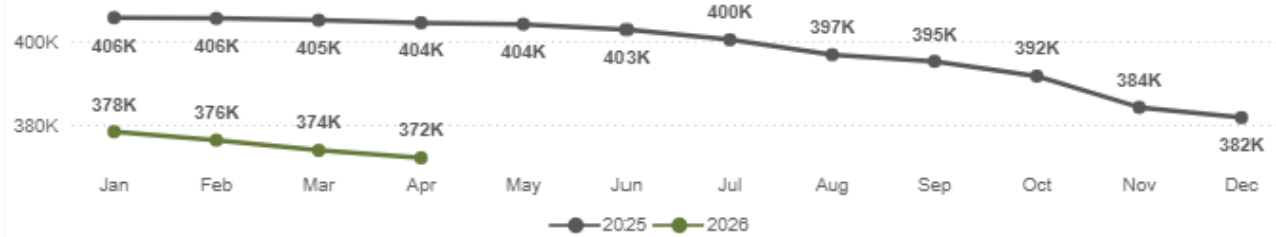
# HR 1 Dashboard

## H.R.1 IMPACT TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY

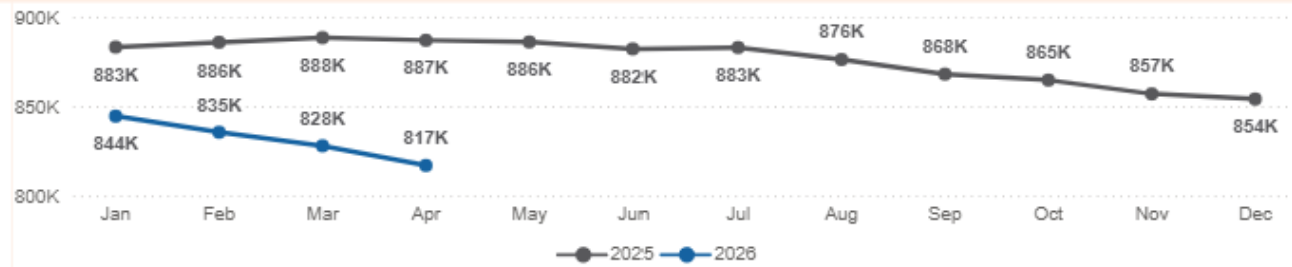
### April 2026 Self-Sufficiency Services Recipients



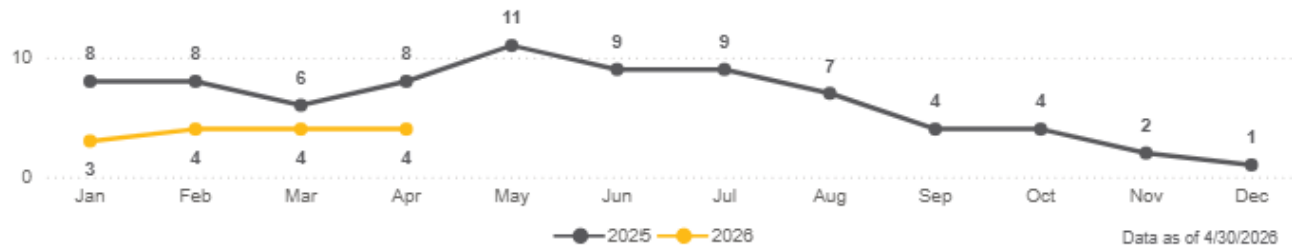
**372,038**  
CalFresh Recipients



**816,952**  
Medi-Cal Recipients



**4**  
County Medical Services Recipients



January 2026 | February 2026 | March 2026 | **April 2026** | May 2026 | June 2026 | July 2026 | August 2026 | September 2026 | October 2026 | November 2026 | December 2026

Self-Sufficiency Services Recipients

CalFresh Noncitizen Eligibility



For more information, see the [Changes to CalFresh and Medi-Cal \(HR 1\) Website](#)



# Does your organization offer work programs, job training, education, or volunteer programs?

Add or update your information in 211 San Diego's Resource Database so customers can be connected to your services in the *new WorkReady Hub!*



[211SanDiego.org/Partners](https://211SanDiego.org/Partners)

For orgs