

**MIDYEAR STATUS REPORT (MSR)
EXAMPLE CASE SITUATIONS**

Scenario #1 - Using the same case information, six different situations are presented to illustrate county action based on the beneficiary's submission of the MSR and change of circumstances.

Case information:

1931(b) Medi-Cal Only, single parent with one child.
MFBU: Father and one child age 8.
Deprivation: Absent Parent.
Aid Code: 3N.
MSR non-exempt beneficiary: Father.
MSR exempt beneficiary: 8-year old child.
MSR sent to non-exempt beneficiary by June 10, 2004.

Situation #1 – Beneficiary fails to submit MSR

Client Action:

- ✓ Fails to submit the MSR by July 5, 2004, the due date of the Midyear Status Report.

County Action:

- ✓ Terminates the father's Medi-Cal benefits under aid code 3N effective August 1, 2004 the first month following the Status Report Due Month.
- ✓ Sends timely MC 239 I Discontinuance Notice of Action to the father notifying him of termination.
- ✓ Changes the father to an ineligible member of the MFBU.
- ✓ Child continues to receive Medi-Cal under aid code 3N.

Situation #2 – Beneficiary submits complete MSR with no changes, 25 days after termination

Client Action:

- ✓ On August 25, 2004, submits the completed MSR 25 days after the termination date.
- ✓ States he has no changes in Section 1 and completes Section 3.

County Action:

- ✓ Evaluates MSR for completeness.
- ✓ Determines father is currently eligible for Medi-Cal under Section 1931(b).
- ✓ Rescinds the father's discontinuance action and reinstates the father's Medi-Cal benefits under aid code 3N effective August 1, 2004.
- ✓ Sends appropriate Notice of Action informing the father that his discontinuance is rescinded and Medi-Cal benefits are reinstated under aid code 3N effective August 1, 2004.

Situation #3 – Beneficiary submits complete MSR with changes, 25 days after termination

Client Action:

- ✓ On August 25, 2004, submits the completed MSR 25 days after the termination date.
- ✓ States he has changes. In Section 2 the Income box is checked and the father states he is now disabled and receives \$1800 a month in Social Security benefits.

County Action:

- ✓ Evaluates MSR for completeness.
- ✓ Determines father is now eligible for Medi-Cal under the Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) Medically Needy (MN) Share of Cost (SOC) program from the information reported on the completed MSR.
- ✓ Rescinds the father's discontinuance action and reinstates the father's Medi-Cal benefits under aid code 67 (ABD MN-SOC).
- ✓ Sends appropriate Notice of Action informing the father discontinuance is rescinded effective August 1, 2004, and his Medi-Cal benefits are reinstated under ABD MN-SOC aid code 67.
- ✓ Determines father is now an exempt beneficiary from MSR reporting due to disability status.
- ✓ 8-year old child is placed in CEC aid code 7J until the next annual redetermination.

Situation #4 – Beneficiary submits incomplete MSR with changes, 25 days after termination

Client Action:

- ✓ On August 25, 2004, submits the MSR 25 days after the termination date.
- ✓ Reports in Section 2 the start of a new job, but does not provide any other information.

County Action:

- ✓ Evaluates MSR for completeness and determines it is incomplete.
- ✓ Ex parte review results in insufficient information to redetermine eligibility.
- ✓ Forwards the MC 355 (request for information) requesting needed information about the reported change in circumstances since the beneficiary does not have a telephone number.
- ✓ Redetermines Medi-Cal eligibility from the requested information received from the beneficiary. (Beneficiary completes the MC 355 and forwards it back to the county within the SB 87 timeframes.)
- ✓ Rescinds the father's discontinuance action and reinstates the father's Medi-Cal benefits under TMC aid code 39 effective August 1, 2004.
- ✓ Determines income received from the father's new job; changes his Medi-Cal benefits from 1931(b) to TMC aid code 39 effective August 1, 2004.
- ✓ Changes the father's aid code from 3N to 39 and changes the 8-year old child's aid code from 3N to 39 effective August 1, 2004.
- ✓ Sends appropriate Notice of Action informing the beneficiary about change in Medi-Cal benefits from the 1931(b) program to the TMC program.

Situation #5 – Beneficiary submits complete MSR 29 days after termination and there is no eligibility

Client Action:

- ✓ On August 29, 2004, submits MSR 29 days after the effective date of the termination notice.
- ✓ States he has changes. In Section 2 the Income and Living Situation boxes are checked. The father states he started a new job and is working full-time. He also states that the 8-year old child moved out of state to live with the mother.

County Action:

- ✓ Evaluates MSR for completeness.
- ✓ Determines father is ineligible for Medi-Cal under any program.
- ✓ Discontinues the 8-year old child for loss of residence effective October 1, 2004.
- ✓ Sends appropriate Notice of Action informing the father about termination of Medi-Cal benefits for the 8-year old child.

Situation #6 – Beneficiary submits MSR 45 days after termination

Client Action:

- ✓ On September 14, 2004, submits the MSR 45 days after the termination date.
- ✓ Reports no changes.

County Action:

- ✓ Notifies the father through telephone contact or written correspondence that he must re-apply for benefits.
- ✓ Reapplication requires completion of appropriate application forms, including the MC 321 or MC 210.

Scenario #2 - Using the same case information, two different situations are presented to illustrate county action based on the beneficiary's submission of the MSR and change of circumstances.

Case information:

Medically Needy (MN) with a SOC, single parent with two children.

MFBU: Mother and two children, ages 10 and 13.

Deprivation: Absent Parent. The mother works full-time; grosses \$2,000 per month.

Aid Code: 37. The children are not in CEC or a percent program.

MSR non-exempt beneficiary: Mother.

MSR exempt beneficiaries: 10 and 13-year old children.

MSR sent to non-exempt beneficiary by June 10, 2004.

Situation #1 – Beneficiary's income decreases

Client Action:

- ✓ MSR is completed and returned by July 5, 2004, the due date of the Midyear Status Report.
- ✓ States she has changes. In Section 2 the Income box is checked. The mother states she has been laid off and is now receiving \$50.00 per week in unemployment benefits.

County Action:

- ✓ Reviews MSR for completeness.
- ✓ Redetermines Medi-Cal eligibility for the month of August 2004, based on the information reported in the MSR.
- ✓ Due to the reported income change, mother and children are now eligible for no SOC Medi-Cal.
- ✓ Changes aid code for mother and children from 37 to 3N.
- ✓ Sends appropriate Notice of Action informing the mother about change from SOC to no-SOC Medi-Cal. Children would thereafter be entitled to CEC benefits, if needed.

Situation #2 – Beneficiary reports Absent Parent returns to the home

Client Action:

- ✓ MSR is completed and returned by July 5, 2004 the due date of the Midyear Status Report.
- ✓ States she has changes. In Section 2 the Income and Living Situation boxes are checked. The mother states her husband returned to the home, he works full-time and she provides all the necessary information about his job.

County Action:

- ✓ Reviews MSR for completeness.
- ✓ Redetermines Medi-Cal eligibility for the month of August 2004, for mother and children based on the changes reported in the MSR.
- ✓ Adds father as an ineligible member of the MFBU.
- ✓ Determines he is the Primary Wage Earner and is working over 100 hours per month.
- ✓ Discontinues mother due to no deprivation since Absent Parent has returned to the home and no other deprivation exists.

- ✓ Determines SOC for children increases due the reported changes in the MSR.
- ✓ Sends appropriate Notice of Action informing the mother about her discontinuance and the increase to the children's SOC.

Scenario #3 - Using the same case information, two different situations are presented to illustrate county action based on the beneficiary's submission of the MSR and change of circumstances.

Case Information:

Married couple with three children.

Father, mother and three children, ages 20, 18 and 15.

Deprivation: Unemployed Parent. The father is the Primary Wage Earner.

Aid Code: Father, mother and 15-year old in aid code 3N.

20 and 18-year old in aid code 34. The 18-year old is not expected to graduate by age 19 and is therefore ineligible for 1931(b) Medi-Cal.

MSR non-exempt beneficiaries: Father and mother.

MSR exempt beneficiaries: 20, 18 and 15-year old child.

MSR sent to non-exempt beneficiary by June 10, 2004.

Situation #1 – Beneficiary submits timely MSR with changes

Client Action:

- ✓ The MSR is completed and returned by July 5, 2004, the due date of the Midyear Status Report.
- ✓ States he has changes. In Section 2, the Income box is checked. The father states he started a new job and provides the name of the employer, gross income, how often paid, etc.

County Action:

- ✓ Redetermines Medi-Cal eligibility for the month of August 2004, based on the information provided in Section 2 in the MSR. The new reported net non-exempt income is over the Section 1931(b) MFBU limit for a household of three.
- ✓ Transfers the father, mother and 15-year old child into TMC aid code 39. The household received Section 1931(b) for at least three months out of the last six months.
- ✓ Transfers the 18-year old child into the CEC program aid code 7J.
- ✓ Transfers the 20-year old child into SOC aid code 37.
- ✓ Sends appropriate Notice of Action informing the father about all the changes to case. Father, mother and 15-year old in TMC, 18-year old in CEC and 20-year old in SOC aid code 37.

Situation #2 – Beneficiary fails to submit MSR

Client Action:

- ✓ Fails to submit the MSR by July 5, 2004, the due date of the Midyear Status Report.

County Action:

- ✓ Sends timely MC 239I Discontinuance Notice of Action informing father and mother about termination of Medi-Cal benefits effective August 1, 2004.
- ✓ Changes father and mother to ineligible members of the MFBU.
- ✓ 15-year old continues to receive Medi-Cal under aid code 3N.
- ✓ 20 and 18-year old continue to receive Medi-Cal under aid code 34.