

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEDI-CAL 250 PERCENT WORKING DISABLED PROGRAM

The California Department of Health Care Services is sending you this notice to inform you of the recent changes in the law that affect the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program. Beginning August 1, 2011:

- You can remain in the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program for up to 26 weeks if you become unemployed. You will be required to pay your monthly premiums while unemployed.
- You can save your earned income as long as it is kept in a separate account from your regular savings and checking accounts. The earned income that you save in your separate account **will not** be counted as income used to determine your eligibility for the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program.  
*NOTE: If your separate account earns interest – that interest may be counted as income for the Medi-Cal program.*
- You can stay in the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program if you receive Social Security Income, based on your disability, that changes to Social Security Retirement Income, when you reach your full retirement age. Social Security Retirement Income, including cost of living increases, is now exempt for the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program.
- If you currently have an Internal Revenue Service approved retirement plan (such as a 401K, 403B, or Keogh plan) that is currently exempt for the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program, those plans will remain exempt if you leave the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program and you qualify for a Medi-Cal program based on being aged, blind, or disabled.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact your local county Social Services Agency. They have interpreters to assist you with reading this notice in languages other than English. Your Social Services Agency is where you received your eligibility determination for the Medi-Cal 250 Percent Working Disabled Program. Be sure you bring a copy of this notice when discussing with your Social Services Agency.

