

IHSS PROPOSALS FACT SHEET

Reduce the State Share of Cost of Provider Wages to Minimum Wage

- Effective March 1, 2009, the State's share in funding the wages and benefits of IHSS providers in each county would be reduced to the State minimum wage level of \$8.00 per hour plus the state would continue to participate up to \$0.60 in benefits.

Limit IHSS to Functional Index Ranks of 4 and Above for Domestic and Related Services

- This proposal is prioritizing the highest assessed level of needed assistance, which is reflected by a functional index rank of 4 or higher.
- There are three ADLs and related service categories impacted by this proposal, which are: Housework; Shopping and Errands; and Meal Preparation and Clean-Up. This proposal would eliminate the service for anyone assessed or ranked with an FI rank below 4 for these categories (except Laundry, since Laundry is already only allowed for an FI rank of 4 or higher).
- For example, an individual who has a Rank 2 in Housekeeping and a Rank 4 in Meal Preparation and Clean-Up, Food Shopping, and Shopping/Errands would only lose Housekeeping services.
- The proposal affects approximately 83,123 individuals who have functional rankings of 1, 2 or 3.
- This proposal would not affect personal care, protective supervision or paramedical services.

Limit IHSS Share-Of-Cost Buy-Out Payment to IHSS Recipients with a Functional Index (FI) Score of 4.00 and above

- This proposal is prioritizing the highest assessed level of needed assistance, which is reflected by a functional index score of 4 or higher.
- It would limit program participation to people with a functional index (FI) score of 4 or higher. Each recipient is given an FI ranking in each of 11 activities of daily living (ADLs). A weighted average of these rankings is calculated to determine the FI score.
- The Share-Of-Cost Buy-Out is the difference between the Share-Of-Cost paid by Medi-Cal (taking into account families' resources) and the Share-Of-Cost paid by the IHSS program (taking into account only the IHSS recipient's income). Since IHSS Share-Of-Cost is lower, IHSS has historically "bought out" the difference.
- Under this proposal, IHSS recipients who have an FI score of 4 or higher, will continue to receive a Share-Of-Cost Buy-Out because their overall average assessed need across all IHSS service categories is higher.
- Approximately 7,058 IHSS recipients will have an increased share of cost as a result of this proposal.