

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
For the Sonoma Managed Medi-Cal Planning Group
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ACRONYM	DEFINITION
AEVS	Automated Eligibility Verification System used by providers to verify Medi-Cal eligibility
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
Aid Code	A classification system used to assign beneficiaries to specific sub-categories of Medi-Cal eligibility
All Plan Letters	Information from Contract Management
ANSI 837	American National Standards Institute – EDI standard
BAT	Basic Assessment Tool used for gathering information for HEDIS reporting
BENE ID	Beneficiary Identification Number same as BID
BIC	Benefits Identification Card for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries
BID	Beneficiary Identification Number
CA-MMIS	California Medicaid Management Information System
Carve-outs	Benefits or populations not included in managed care e.g. mental health, dental
CBO	Community-based organization
CDS	Case Data System, an eligibility system that is being replaced by CalWIN
CERTS	Claims and Eligibility Real-Time System P.C. software used by providers to verify a beneficiary’s Medi-Cal eligibility with EDS
CHCF	California HealthCare Foundation
CHDP	Child Health and Disability Prevention. A state program under Children’s Medical Services branch of DHS
CIN	Client Index Number is defined as 9NNNNNNNA. It always starts with a ‘9’, has 7 numeric digits and ends with an alpha character. CINs are cross-referenced to MEDS IDs in the MEDS system
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act
CMAC	California Medical Assistance Commission
CMC	Computer Media Claims – EDS electronic claim system – uses HCFA 1500 and ANSI 837
CMS	Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; administers the Medicaid program
CMS Unit	Children Management Services of DHS
COHS	County Organized Health Systems – a Medi-Cal managed care model
CPT	Common Procedure Terminology – procedure coding scheme
CRN	claims reference number
DDD	Diversified Data Designs – a data clearinghouse
DHS	Department of Health Services. Administers Medi-Cal program

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DMU	Data Management Unit of Medi-Cal Managed Care Division of DHS
DOB	date of birth
DOS	date of service
DSS	Department of Social Services
DX	diagnosis
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDS	Electronic Data Systems – Fiscal Intermediary for Medi-Cal
EDU	Encounter Data Unit at EDS
EOB	explanation of benefits
EOM	end of month
ETO	Eligibility Tape Out
EU	Encounter Unit
FAME	An abstract of DHS/MEDS for Medi-Cal data
FFS	fee-for-service
FI	fiscal intermediary
FTP	file transfer protocol
GMC	Geographic Managed Care
HCFA	U.S. Health Care Financing Administration, now CMS
HCFA 1500	Claim form for professional services billing
HCO	Health Care Options
HCPCS	HCFA Common Procedure Coding System
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HIO	health insuring organizations
HIPPA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HMO	health maintenance organization
ICD9	diagnosis coding standard
ID	identification
IP	inpatient
IP	independent physician association
IS	information system(s)
ISAWS	Interim Statewide Automated Welfare Systems – several counties use this system to check for eligibility
ISP	internet service provider
LEADER	L.A. County System which can be used to check eligibility

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LI	Local Initiative – a public health plan with a state Medi-Cal contract under the Two-Plan model
LTC	long term care
M&R	Milliman & Robertson (actuarial firm)
Maximus	The DHS vendor that provides outreach and education to assist beneficiaries in choosing a health plan primary care provider
MaxStar	The database maintained by Maximus of beneficiaries’ health plan selection
MCMCD	Medi-Cal Managed Care Division of DHS
MCO	managed care organization
MCP	managed care plan
MCS	Medical Care Services of DHS
MEB	Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch of DHS
MEDS	Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System
MEDS35	format required for DHS database
MESH	Medi-Cal Extranet for State Healthcare
MFR	Medicaid Federal Reporting
MIS/DSS	Management Information Systems/Decision Support System
MMIS	Medicaid Management Information System
MOP	month of payment
MPCD	Medi-Cal Policy Division of DHS
MRMIB	Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
MSO	management service organization
N/A	not applicable
NDC	national drug code
NDC	National Data Corporation
OIL	operating instruction letter – DHS information notice to EDS and COHS to implement a change in procedure
OP	outpatient
Panorama	Panorama is the name often used to refer to the entire database designed and maintained by MEDSTAT
PBM	pharmacy benefit management
PCP	primary care physician
PHC	Physician/Hospital Consortium – Orange County CalOPTIMA
PM-160	CHDP confidential screening/billing report

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PMF	provider master file (MEDSTAT Flows)
PMPM	per member per month
PMPY	per member per year
PNS	provider network system
Policy Letters	Clarify contract language; is legally enforceable; Contract Management Division issues contract amendment to plans
POS Network	Used by providers to verify a beneficiary's Medi-Cal eligibility with EDS
PSD	Payment System Division of DHS
PSO	physician services organization
QC	quality control
QM	quality management
Rx	pharmacy
SAWS	Statewide Automated Welfare Eligibility System
SCI	Statewide Client Index - database maintains CIN for all state programs
SDN	System Development Notice - Documentation for system change and associated cost used between DHS and EDS
SDX Tape	Eligibility data from Social Security Administration
Short Doyle	Legislative act related to Mental Health Services
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI/SSP	State Supplemental Income/Supplemental Security Payment
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TPA	third party administrator
UB 92	claim form for institutional services
VPN	virtual private network
WIC	Women, Infant & Children
Worker Alert	Notification of an enrollment or eligibility data correction requirement