

Medi-Cal

Does a Client Have To Pay for Medi-Cal Services?

If the client's income is less than the Medi-Cal limits for his/her family size, the client will receive Medi-Cal services with no share of cost.

Typically, our clients (unless they are employed and have a rather large income) have Medi-Cal with no share of cost. Clients who received Medi-Cal linked to their SSI automatically receive full-scope Medi-Cal, with no share of cost.

When is Share of Cost Applicable?

If the client's income is more than the Medi-Cal limit for his/her family size, then the client will have to pay a certain amount per month in medical expenses before Medi-Cal will start paying. This is called a "**share of cost**" (**SOC**). Once the client has met their SOC, Medi-Cal will cover the rest of the covered medical bills for that month.

For example: if the SOC is \$50, the client will need to pay the first \$50 for any medical expenses incurred that month. The medical provider will enter the payment into the Medi-Cal database. This tickler system tracks if and when your SOC is met for a month. Once the SOC has been verified, any providers checking eligibility (pharmacies, doctors etc.) will see that the SOC has been met, and then will bill Medi-Cal directly.