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# Resilience, Innovation, Sustainability, & Equity (RISE) Grant

## Year 2 Informational Webinar

# Session Overview

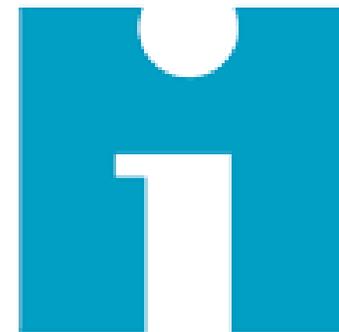
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IHI is a 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Boston, Massachusetts that is providing grant administration for the RISE grant program. IHI's mission is to improve health and healthcare worldwide.



# About RISE

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The goal of the RISE Grant Program is to measurably improve the quality of and access to medical and behavioral health care for the Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) Medi-Cal population in Ventura County.

**In 2026**, the program seeks to proactively prepare providers and community partners to support Medi-Cal members in navigating upcoming eligibility and engagement requirements anticipated to begin in 2027 with the goals of minimizing coverage disruptions, improving member experience, and promoting continuity of care.



# Changes in Eligibility for Medicaid Beneficiaries

# HR 1 Member Eligibility Changes for Medicaid Population

Policy	Summary of Changes	Implementation Date
<b>Enacting Community Engagement Requirements</b>	Requires Medicaid beneficiaries ages 19-64 to complete community engagement requirements. For example, an individual must demonstrate they worked at least 80 hours per month. It exempts certain adults, including parents with children ages 13 and under and those who are medically frail.	By Dec. 21, 2026
<b>Increased Eligibility Verification</b>	Requires states to conduct eligibility verifications for single adults ages 19-64 every 6 months.	By Dec. 31, 2026
<b>Modifies Retroactive Coverage During Presumptive Eligibility</b>	Modifies the retroactive eligibility policy for beneficiaries ages 19-64 from three months of retroactive coverage to one month. For all other beneficiaries, it modifies retroactive eligibility from three months of coverage to two months.	Effective for applications made on or after the first day of the first quarter that begins after Dec. 31, 2026.
<b>Cost Sharing for Expansion Population</b>	Requires states to enact cost sharing for beneficiaries ages 19-64 with incomes greater than 100% of federal poverty level (FPL). Cost-sharing levels would be left to the discretion of the states but would be capped at \$35 per service; certain services are exempt from cost-sharing.	Beginning Oct. 1, 2028

# Six-Month Renewals

**Requirement:** Six-month renewals will follow the same process as the 12-month renewal, including ex parte, renewal timeline, and reminder notices.

**Exemptions:** Members excluded from this requirement include:

- Tribal members
- Pregnant and postpartum members
- Foster care youth
- Former foster care youth under age 26
- Disabled or aged members
- Children

# Work Requirements

**Requirement:** Individuals must complete one or more qualifying activities:

- Have monthly income at least 80 times the federal hourly minimum wage (\$580) or employment of 80 hours / month (Seasonal work will be averaged over the last six months)
- Community service of 80 hours / month
- Enrolled at least half-time in an educational program
- Participation in a work program of 80 hours / month

**Exemptions:** The law outlines mandatory and short-term hardship exemptions. Exemptions must be verified every 6 months.

# Work Requirement Exemptions

Pregnant or up to 12 months postpartum	Parents / guardians / caregivers of a disabled individual
Foster youth	Veterans with a disability rating of total
Former foster care youth under age 26	Incarcerated or recently released from a correctional facility within the past 90 days
Aged, Blind, or Disabled people (including individuals who receive SSI)	Entitled to Medicare Part A or enrolled in Part B
Children Under Age 19	Meeting TANF (CalWORKs) work requirements or SNAP (CalFresh) work requirements
Parents / guardians / caregivers of a dependent child age 13 and younger	Participating in drug / alcohol treatment programs
Medically frail, per the statute, this includes individuals (1) with a substance-use disorder (SUD); (2) with a disabling mental disorder; (3) with a physical, intellectual or developmental disability that significantly impairs their ability to perform one or more activities of daily living; (4) with a serious or complex medical condition; or (5) who are blind or disabled (as defined in section 1614 of the Social Security Act)).	

# Medicaid Provisions Effective Dates Timeline for HR 1

## Feb. - Jul. 2026

- Awareness and preparation of eligibility changes and when they will take effect
- Toolkits
- Texting
- DHCS Coverage Ambassadors and Navigators

## Oct. - Dec. 2026

- Support members in taking action to complete these new requirements
- Collaborate with impacted partners on the development and provision of guidance, training, updating systems, and TA to counties, MCPs, and Covered CA

## Jan. 1, 2027

- Work requirements for New Adult Group
- Increased eligibility verifications for New Adult Group
- Modify retroactive coverage during presumptive eligibility for new applicants

## Jan. 1, 2028

- Limits on State Directed Payments

## By Oct. 1, 2028

- Enact cost-sharing for New Adult Group



# Year 2 Strategic Priority

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## The 2026 RISE Grant focuses on supporting Medi-Cal members in:

- Understanding eligibility and renewal requirements
- Navigating Medi-Cal systems and processes
- Maintaining continuous coverage
- Reducing disruptions in care
- Improving member experience



# Grant Application and Award Timeline

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**Application Opened**  
February 18, 2026

**All Applications Due**  
April 15, 2026

**Award Notifications**  
June 1, 2026





Organizations that serve Gold Coast Health Plan Medi-Cal members in Ventura County are eligible to apply.



# Grant Period

Applicants can apply for a 12-month grant.



# Application Components

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PROJECT AIM/  
GOALS



PROBLEM/  
BACKGROUND



PROJECT  
DESIGN



PROJECT  
TIMELINE/  
MILESTONES



DATA AND  
MEASUREMENT



PROJECT  
TEAM



BUDGET AND  
BUDGET  
JUSTIFICATION



# Data and Measurement

**Productivity Measures:** Measures that count the activities or outputs of the project. Example measures might be: (1) number of members outreached, (2) number, type, and impact of outreach/community session activities held, (3) number of providers/staff trained, (4) number of members assisted with enrollment or redetermination applications, (5) number and type of work or volunteer opportunities available.

These will be specific to the work of your proposed project. Please identify the productivity measures you will track over time during implementation of your project.

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**Outcome Measures:** Measures that show the impact on members. How many members are projected to be enrolled in Medi-Cal? How many members are projected to be re-enrolled in Medi-Cal because of this project?

<b>Measure Definition:</b> Define the measure including a numerator and denominator when applicable	<b>How will they be collected:</b> Chart review, aggregate data pull, self-report, etc.	<b>By Whom:</b> Person, department, organization, etc.	<b>Data Collection Frequency:</b> Monthly, quarterly, pre/post	<b>Exclusions:</b> Members or situations where data will not be collected

All grant applications are **required** to have a robust measurement strategy that includes process and outcome measures.

You are encouraged to use the template provided.

# Submitting a Strong Budget

Applicants may apply for a **one-year** grant award of **no more than \$400,000**. Please consider feasibility of project milestones and ability to exhaust all award funds within the grant period.

Please use the budget template provided. All applications **must include** a narrative budget justification for all expenses.



# Types of Expenses

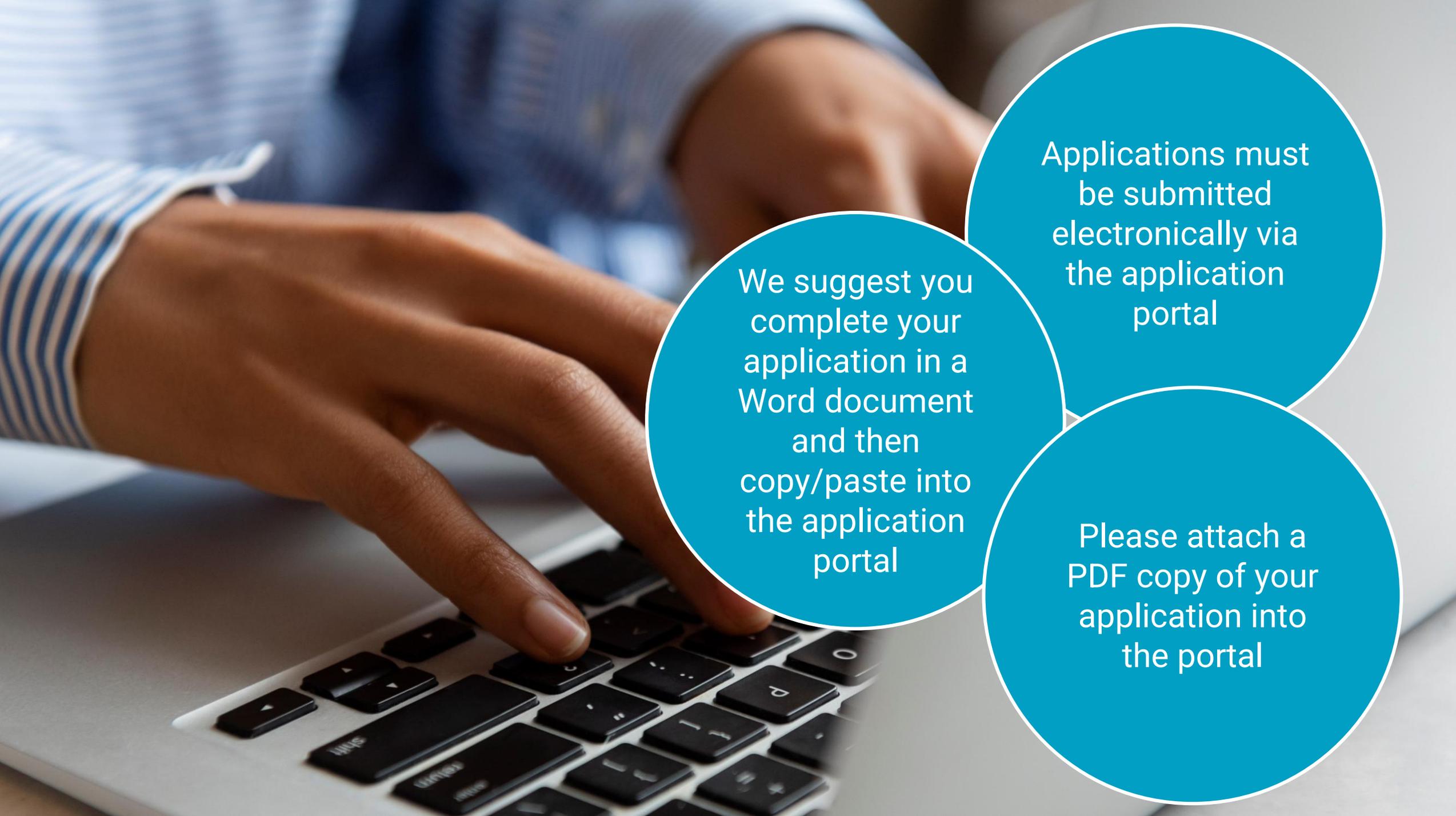
## Eligible

- Personnel costs
- Materials and supplies
- Equipment
- Infrastructure (as justified for project implementation)
- Data or IT infrastructure
- Professional development or training, or administrative costs directly related to the project
- Statistical support or data analysis for the project
- Travel expenses required for grant activities will be considered. **Conference Fees are not eligible.**

## Ineligible

- Activities funded by incentive payments or services covered or reimbursable by GCHP
- Expenses that duplicate or supplant existing funding from federal, state, or local sources, including GCHP Quality Improvement Pool/Program funding or Incentive payment program funding
- Durable medical equipment (DME) or other items/services covered as plan benefits (for covered equipment/benefits, applicants are encouraged to work with GCHP directly)





We suggest you complete your application in a Word document and then copy/paste into the application portal

Applications must be submitted electronically via the application portal

Please attach a PDF copy of your application into the portal

# Grant Reporting Expectations

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**September 2026**  
First Quarterly Report



**December 2026**  
Second Quarterly Report



**March 2027**  
Third Quarterly Report



**July 2027**  
Cumulative Final Report

All reports must include number of members outreached, members served and members re-enrolled and other activities to support work requirements.



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# Office Hours

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IHI is offering **optional** Office Hours to answer questions of prospective applicants.

- [Register](#) for the March 25, 2026, 1:00 PM PDT Office Hours
- [Register](#) for the April 8, 2026, at 10:00 AM PDT Office Hours



# Application Portal

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If you have additional questions,  
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