

Safe & Healthy County

June 2023



Medi-Cal Renewals

Counties have started the processing of annual Medi-Cal renewals again, and beneficiaries should be on the lookout for redetermination packets sent out in bright yellow envelopes. If the county has requested that you return the packet or submit some documentation, it is very important to follow up with the requested items in order to avoid

your Medi-Cal discontinued. While some households may have their Medi-Cal automatically renewed, those households will not receive a packet, but will receive a notice of action letting them know that the renewal was completed. If you have changed your mailing or physical address within the last three years, please make sure that you have reported that information to the County so that we can send any correspondence to the correct address. Information can be submitted to the County by coming into one of our Eligibility offices or by calling (707) 463-7700 or (707) 962-1000. You can also submit updates through the BenefitsCal website at www.benefitscal.com. Help us keep you covered!



DON'T LOSE YOUR COVERAGE.

June is Elder and Dependent Adult Awareness Month

Mendocino County Social Services, Adult and Aging Services, is recognizing June 2023 as Elder and Dependent Adult Awareness month. This awareness month is also recognized at the state level, and worldwide June 15th is recognized each year as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). Research shows that one in ten elder or dependent adults are victims of abuse or neglect. It also shows abuse is severely underreported, with agencies receiving 1 report of abuse for nearly every 24 cases of abuse. Education regarding what elder and dependent adult abuse is and how to report it is an important step towards making California safer for all people.

In 2022, Mendocino County Department of Social Services, Adult Protective Services (APS), received 1289 reports of suspected elder or dependent adult abuse or neglect through various methods including our toll-free number **1-877-327-1799**. Of the 1289 reports received, 878 individuals required a full investigation and short-term case management to set up services and a safety net to prevent further harm. These reports were from all sectors and areas of the county. APS social workers respond to reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Educating the public about elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect means that more people will become aware of the issue in its many forms and provides a wider safety net for some of the most vulnerable members of our communities.