



# TAKE ACTION!

## Tell Assembly Leadership to Protect Medi-Cal and IHSS

### SAMPLE EMAIL:

*{Personalize the email, and share your lived experience or describe how the asset caps could impact your life, or the life of someone you care about}*

**SUBJECT LINE:** Please Reject Medi-Cal and IHSS Asset Limits and Adopt the Senate Budget Proposal

### EMAIL MESSAGE:

Dear Assembly Speaker Rivas,

I am writing to urge you to reject Governor Newsom's proposed Medi-Cal and In-Home Support Services (IHSS) asset limits and support the Senate's budget proposal.

The Governor's proposal would once again limit Medi-Cal eligibility to people with no more than \$2,000 in assets for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple. These limits are unrealistically low and would force many Californians with disabilities, older adults, and low-income families to choose between maintaining a small emergency savings account and keeping their essential healthcare and support services they depend on.

No one should be forced to live in poverty to qualify for healthcare.

For people with disabilities, a small amount of savings can mean being prepared for a wheelchair repair, an accessible vehicle expense, a medical emergency, housing costs, or other unexpected needs. Losing Medi-Cal can also mean losing access to IHSS services that help people remain safely in their homes and communities.

California removed these harmful asset limits in 2024 because they created unnecessary barriers and trapped people in poverty. Bringing them back would reverse years of progress and put thousands of vulnerable Californians at risk.

Please support the Senate budget proposal and reject any effort to restore Medi-Cal and IHSS asset caps.

Thank you for your leadership and for protecting the health, independence, and dignity of Californians with disabilities.

Sincerely,

{enter name}

### PHONE CALL SCRIPT:

Hello, my name is [NAME].

I am calling to ask Assembly Speaker Rivas to **reject** the Governor's proposed Medi-Cal and In-Home Support Services asset limits and **support the Senate budget proposal**.

The proposed asset caps of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple would force people with disabilities, older adults, and low-income families to live in poverty to keep their healthcare and support services.

People should not lose Medi-Cal or IHSS because they have a small emergency savings account or modest financial resources.

[OPTIONAL PERSONAL STORY]

"I rely on Medi-Cal and IHSS to live independently."

"My family member depends on these services every day."



"I work with people who would be harmed by these cuts."

Please tell the Assembly Speaker to reject the proposed asset limits and protect Medi-Cal and IHSS eligibility.

Thank you for your time.

### SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

#### Facebook and Instagram

 TAKE ACTION BEFORE JUNE 15 

No one should have to live in poverty to keep their healthcare.


Governor Newsom's proposed budget would bring back strict Medi-Cal and IHSS asset limits, allowing individuals to have no more than \$2,000 in savings and couples no more than \$3,000. Think about that for a moment.

A person with a disability could lose healthcare and in-home support services simply because they have a small emergency savings account, money set aside for a wheelchair repair, transportation, housing costs like a security deposit, or other basic needs.

These harmful limits would force Californians to choose between financial security and the services they rely on to live safely and independently in their communities.


The California Senate has rejected these asset caps. Now we need Assembly leadership to do the same.

 CONTACT CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER ROBERT RIVAS TODAY AND URGE HIM TO:

 Adopt the Senate's budget proposal

 Reject proposed Medi-Cal and IHSS asset caps

 Email: [speaker.rivas@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:speaker.rivas@assembly.ca.gov)

 Call: 916-319-2029

\*\*\*Tag on social media: @CASpeakerRivas


Every call and email helps lawmakers understand how these cuts would impact people with disabilities, older adults, and families across California.

Please TAKE ACTION today and SHARE this post so others can join us.

Disability should not come with a poverty requirement.

#ProtectMediCal #ProtectIHSS #DisabilityRights #TheFutureIncludesUs

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