

# Renewing Medi-Cal Coverage

Medi-Cal members must renew coverage each year to keep health care benefits. A packet will be mailed to each member annually. The forms in this packet must be filled out and returned. Members can return the information by mail, by fax or over the phone, or they can take it to the local Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services office.

## Medi-Cal Renewals

### **If You Had Medi-Cal Before 2014**

If you were a Medi-Cal member before 2014, you will notice the process has changed this year. The county will try to renew you automatically, but it may need some additional information from you. You will be sent a renewal form asking for the information needed to determine if you qualify for Medi-Cal.

If you haven't returned your renewal information yet, it may not be too late! Your coverage will not be disrupted if you send in your packet within 90 days of your discontinuance date.

### **Medi-Cal Renewals in 2015**

The way Medi-Cal coverage is renewed will change in 2015.

Counties will be able to renew coverage for most members automatically. To do this, the Department of Social Services will try to renew your Medi-Cal coverage using information they already have about where you live, your immigration status and your income. If the county is able to verify all of your information, your coverage will be renewed and you will get a notice with this information.

If the county is not able to verify your information, the county will send you a renewal form that will need to be returned. Once you complete and return the form, the county will send a letter to let you know if you still qualify for coverage. If you do not return the renewal form on time you will lose your Medi-Cal coverage. If you lose your Medi-Cal coverage, you will get a notice and will have 90 days to contact the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services at 1 (866) 404-4007 and give them the information needed to continue your coverage