

State of California HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY



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Important Information about the Budget Impasse From California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Kim Belshé

As of September 9, the California State Legislature has not passed a budget for fiscal year 2008-09. The budget impasse means many vulnerable Californians are at risk.

More than two and a half months past the legislature's deadline to send the Governor a budget, we are seeing countless Californians affected by the budget delay. The most effective way to help those impacted by the budget impasse is legislative enactment of a fair, responsible, middle-of-the-road budget, such as the compromise budget proposed by the Governor in August.

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For the sake of all Californians, enactment of a responsible budget is needed that puts the state on a stable fiscal footing going forward. For vulnerable, at-risk Californians who rely on the state's safety net to help support their health and well-being, prompt action is essential. Please be assured that our top priority is the safety and well-being of all Californians at this time.

During this budget impasse, communication will be critical.

- If you are a state-licensed provider of 24-hour care facing the prospect of closure, it is imperative you contact the Department of Public Health's Licensing & Certification Division at 1-800-236-9747.
- Adult Day Health Care providers facing the prospect of closure should give reasonable advance notice to participants to ensure orderly discharge. You should also contact the Department of Public Health at the number above and the California Department of Aging's ADHC branch at (916) 419-7545.
- Individual providers whose services are funded by one of the 21 Regional Centers in California should contact the Regional Center in their community directly to learn the status of payments. Contact information for Regional Centers may be found at www.dds.ca.gov/RC/RCList.cfm. Any further questions can be directed to the Department of Developmental Services' Community Services Division at (916) 654-1958.
- If you provide care in a facility or home licensed by the Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing Division and you face the prospect of closure due to the budget impasse, you should notify the client, the family and/or any involved placement agency responsible for the individuals in your care. The Department's Community Care Licensing offices can provide you with specific information about notification requirements. Contact information for each program and location are available at <http://cclcd.ca.gov/contact.htm>.

Payments for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) and CalWORKs continue and are not affected by the budget impasse due to past court decisions.

Good communication during this budget impasse is essential. Thank you for the good work you do caring for California's most vulnerable residents during these difficult times.