Release Date for New Benefits Identification Card Design: September 2016

As California's largest health insurer, Medi-Cal provides coverage to more than 13.5 million people, including childless adults, families, seniors, persons with disabilities, pregnant women and children. Medi-Cal is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The Benefits Identification Card (BIC) was redesigned to reflect this historic landmark. Starting in mid-September 2016, this new design, featuring the California poppy, will be provided to newly-eligible beneficiaries and those who request replacement cards. There are no plans at this time to replace BICs already in circulation.

New BIC Design

Current BIC Design

As a reminder, providers should:

- Accept both card designs. Either of the two BIC designs may be presented by beneficiaries, as both will be in circulation for the foreseeable future.
- Continue to verify eligibility, as possession of a Medi-Cal BIC does not guarantee eligibility.
- Refer to the *Eligibility: Recipient Identification* section in the Part 1 provider manual for more information.
- For further updates, visit the Medi-Cal website at www.medi-cal.ca.gov or call the Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555.