
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2161 (Bonta) - Medi-Cal: redeterminations and work or community engagement

Version: May 18, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: HEALTH 8 - 2

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 2161 would include provisions implementing recent federal requirements related to the eligibility redetermination process and work or community engagement requirements in the Medi-Cal program.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026**

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown ongoing costs due to increased Medi-Cal caseloads (General Fund and federal funds).
- Unknown ongoing costs, likely minor, for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for state administration (General Fund and federal funds).
- Unknown one-time costs, potentially low hundreds of thousands, for automation updates (General Fund and federal funds).
- Unknown costs to counties for administration. Costs would be potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.

Author Amendments: Delete provisions of the bill related to redeterminations; and replace provisions related to the Medi-Cal work requirements with provisions that modify definitions and modify criteria for determining compliance with work requirements.