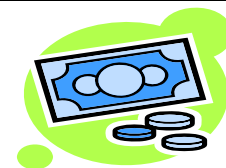


## Share of Cost – How does it work?



Some IHSS consumers with total income above the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) level pay an In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Share of Cost. The County IHSS Eligibility Unit determines if the consumer pays a share of cost. Share of Cost (SOC) means the consumer must pay a part of the cost of their In-Home Supportive Services.

### How SOC works:

IHSS is now funded through Medi-Cal. As of June 5, 2006, the SOC for the IHSS program will be treated like any other SOC for Medi-Cal services. Each month, consumers with a SOC will pay their SOC to whichever Medi-Cal service(s) they use first. Consumers may need to pay some or all their SOC amount directly to homecare worker, for IHSS services. This amount depends on whether the consumer has already paid his/her SOC for that month for other medical services. Examples of other medical services are medications, durable medical equipment or visits to their doctor.

Soon after you sign and submit the timesheet for the 1 – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, the State will mail a letter to the consumer and to the homecare worker. This letter will tell the consumer and homecare worker how much of the SOC the consumer must pay out of pocket to the homecare worker for that month. Please note the following:

- a) If a consumer has two or more homecare workers, the SOC still owed for that month will be deducted from the check of the homecare worker whose *timesheet is processed first* by Payroll.
- b) If the consumer already paid the entire SOC for other Medi-Cal services, the homecare worker's check will have no SOC deduction *AND* the consumer will not pay you a SOC that month.
- c) The amount of the SOC that the consumer must pay the homecare worker may be *different each month*. This depends on whether any SOC was paid to other Medi-Cal providers.

\*Please see back for a Share of Cost Example!



Share of Cost Example:

For Consumer Ms. Wong, who has a \$200 SOC for the month of June.

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ms. Wong purchases her monthly medication, which cost \$50.	Ms. Wong will pay \$50 to the pharmacy.
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Wong has a routine doctor's appointment. The cost of doctor's visit is \$125	Ms. Wong pays \$125 to her doctor.
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Wong and her homecare worker submit IHSS timesheet for June 1 – 15 <sup>th</sup> .	IHSS payroll processes the timesheet on June 17 <sup>th</sup> .
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	The state sends both Ms. Wong and her homecare worker "Explanations of Benefits" letters. These letters tell Ms. Wong and her homecare worker the amount Ms. Wong should pay her worker.	Ms. Wong pays \$25 SOC to her homecare worker. <i>Why? \$200 SOC</i> - \$ 50 (pharmacy) - <u>\$125 (doctor)</u> = \$25 SOC to be paid to HCW

Please note: If the consumer does not pay the share of cost, he/she may be terminated from IHSS services. (The county **is not** responsible for ensuring that the consumer pay the share of cost.)

If you have any questions about Share of Cost,  
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