Counties and Medi-Cal Eligibility:
Past, Present and Future

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Presentation Overview

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**Past and Present: By The Numbers**

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Past and Present: The Program

Past

Fee-For-Service Only

Mostly Welfare-Linked/ABD Population

Asset Tests

Present

Primarily Managed Care

Broader Eligibility/Expansion-Minded

No Asset Test for Most
Past and Present: Eligibility Operations

**Past**
- 99.8 EWs in 1966
- Manual, Paper-Based
- In-Person Application

**Present**
- 15,000+ EWs today
- Highly Automated
- Online Application
## Past and Present: Medi-Cal Philosophy

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Near Term:

- Seeking a steady state
- Riding economic upturn
- Smoothing transitions across programs
- Reexamining budget methodology
Medi-Cal: What Comes Next?

Longer Term:
- Increasing accountability for service
- Weathering inevitable downturns
- Partnering even more