

2 Two reasons why your health care *may never be the same*

An Important Message from Shield Healthcare

Shield Healthcare may no longer be able to Medi-Cal customers because of actions by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the California state government. **Medi-Cal is reducing payments to medical supply companies like Shield Healthcare by 10% on July 1, 2008.** The governor calls this change “necessary”, but it should be seen for what it is: an effort to limit or cut benefits to recipients. This cut will make California payments for health care services the lowest in the United States.

How will a **10% CUT** in payment to medical supply companies affect you?

1 The amount and type of equipment and supplies that your current supplier can provide to you may be severely limited.

2 Your current supplier might provide less service and deliver lower quality equipment and supplies.

In fact in some cases, suppliers may be forced to discontinue service to all Medi-Cal patients.

Governor Schwarzenegger, California lawmakers and the California Department of Healthcare Services do not understand your health care needs. They are making decisions without considering how it might create more health problems for you or your child.

These decisions make quality service almost impossible and only you will suffer the loss!

As your California-owned and operated medical equipment and supply company, please know that Shield Healthcare is very concerned. We consider you, our customers, to be part of our extended family.

What can **YOU** do to make sure we can continue to provide you with quality care and products? **Contact your government officials today to express your concerns about this legislation.** Click on the links on the right to locate your state representatives, senators, and governor.

URGENT!



**TELL YOUR STATE
Senators, Assembly reps,
and Governor**

that Medi-Cal CUTS to your medical equipment provider will mean a CUT in service and quality of care for you.

**Urge them not to support this
BAD health care policy!**

Contact Information:

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