



# Rural Area Subsidy CANCELLED

## Rural Health Care Equity Program.

The \$14.6 million General Fund reduction reflects the **elimination** of the Rural Health Care Equity Program effective **August 1, 2009**.

This program provided a payment to employees who live in rural areas to cover higher health care cost due to the lack of managed care providers in many rural areas of the state. The payments averaged \$125 per employee per month.

### Medical

In many counties in California, there is *no* access to an HMO. The only medical programs available to you are PPO health plans.

### What counties are considered rural?

All, or a portion, of zip codes in the following counties are rural subsidy: **Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, San Bernardino, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, and Yuba.**

To see what coverage is offered in a rural area, you can search by zip code by going to: [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov) and type "zip search" in the search field.

### Medical options are:

- PERS Choice
- PERS Care
- And in some areas – PERS Select

### Dental Options

If you reside in a rural area, you are eligible for the CCPOA Primary Dental program if **Western Dental Services, Inc.** is not available in your area.

There is a 9-month wait for some services. If you need extensive dental work in the first nine months of your dental enrollment, please contact the Trust at 1-800-IN-UNIT-6 for a pre-authorization. Our staff will help you understand your dental benefit and help you maximize your benefit dollar.

Unlike Western Dental, where you are assigned a provider, you may go to any dentist for your dental needs with the CCPOA Primary Dental. Receive additional discounts when using a First Dental Health provider.

## Rural Facilities

- CCC – Susanville
- High Desert – Susanville
- CTF – Soledad
- Salinas Valley State Prison – Soledad
- Pelican Bay – Crescent City
- Sierra Conservation Center – Jamestown
- Mule Creek State Prison – Lone

