

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF ACTION MESSAGE-303-B

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Your total monthly authorized hours have been reduced by 3.6-percent. Here is why:

A new state law (Section 12301.06 of the Welfare and Institutions Code) says the California Department of Social Services must reduce all IHSS recipients' total authorized monthly hours by 3.6 percent.

The new law allows you to choose which of your specific authorized IHSS services, shown on the front of your IHSS Notice of Action, will be reduced. For example, if you lose three hours of service per month, you can choose to reduce three hours from one authorized service or split it up among different services. You are responsible for informing your provider(s) of your reduction in total authorized services and which specific service hours you have chosen to reduce. You do not have to report which hours you choose to reduce; this is between you and your provider.

The 3.6 percent reduction will remain in effect until June 30, 2012. The new law also applies to all reassessments made during this timeframe. On July 1, 2012 your total monthly hours will go back up to your full authorized service level, based on your most recent assessment.

Your hearing rights are included with this message. However, requests for a state hearing only about the new state law requiring the 3.6 percent reduction in service hours will be dismissed.

If you do not understand the changes or have questions about the new law please contact your county IHSS office.