

Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) Accommodations

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program offers reasonable accommodations for Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) applicants or recipients so that they may remain informed about IHSS program services.

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has identified various types of alternative formats that would allow BVI applicants and recipients to read, complete, and submit program documents necessary to participate in the IHSS program.

Visually Impaired Recipients

Timesheets, Notices of Action (NOAs), and other required forms are available to you in large print (18-point size font and bolded) so that you can more easily read, understand, and authorize all the forms you need.

You may request other accommodations if the 18-point size font documents are not enough to permit you to read the document.

Blind Recipients

Notices of Action and necessary IHSS program forms are available to you in the following alternative methods:

1. Braille: Raised-dot braille alphabet to allow you to read, complete, and submit these forms independently.
2. CD Audio or Data (Text) Files: Audio file will allow you to hear the information as it is read or as a data (text) file that can be read by specially adapted computer software.

For more information on reasonable accommodations, contact your local county IHSS office.