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Organization:
Medi-Cal Consulting Services, Inc.

Organization URL:
<http://www.medihelper.info/>

Project Name:
Free Medi-Cal Workshops

What social/humanitarian issue was the project designed to address? What specific metrics did you use to measure the project's success?

Calls into our office, Medi-Cal Consulting Services, Inc., for information regarding the State of California Medi-Cal Program increased. These calls came from people who would otherwise have thought that the Medi-Cal Program is only for the impoverished. These calls came from mostly the elderly people who have worked and saved all their lives, thinking that the assets that they have worked so hard for and the income they deserve disqualify them from Medi-Cal.

Please describe the technologies used and how those technologies were deployed in an innovative way. Also, please include any technical or other challenges that were overcome for the successful implementation of the project.

Most of the elderly 65 and above of California now have access to the Internet. So through social media and networking, we have successfully informed them and their families and the assisted living facilities, elderly care homes and nursing facilities they live in of our ongoing Free In-service workshops and trainings where they are informed

of how to get free healthcare through the state of California. Too often, Californians assume wrong about qualifying for Medi-Cal. Income does not disqualify anybody from Medi-Cal. Through the Internet, exchange of important documentation and transactions have been streamlined and made easier and faster so deadlines with the counties and the state are met, making sure those who are eligible are qualified for the California State Medi-Cal Program.

Please list the specific humanitarian benefits the project has yielded so far.

Elderly people who otherwise would have to pay out of pocket for nursing home care can now just pay the Medi-Cal share of cost to cover for nursing home care, instead of depleting their hard-earned savings. Our free resource of information, which we have made available to anyone and everyone who asks, has educated and made more Californians well informed of the benefits due them. Spouses of the disabled and or the elderly can now have peace of mind knowing their loved ones are cared for and knowing that they don't have to be impoverished themselves to qualify for state help.

Please provide the best example of how the project has benefited a specific individual, enterprise or organization. Feel free to include personal quotes from individuals who have directly benefited from the work.

One of many case studies: Jackie Watson doesn't have to live in a nursing home. She qualified to be a Medi-Cal recipient and successfully relocated from Ventura County to Los Angeles County to be closer to her children. She got into the ALWP (Assisted Living Waiver Program) and is now well cared for in a clean and safe environment. She and her family have been relieved of some of the monetary and emotional stress that is common in an elderly person's life. She has maintained a higher quality of life in her twilight years.