



## Health Care Program Alternatives in Los Angeles County

Healthy Families has halted new enrollment into the program and established a wait list for applicants that did not have an approved case as of close of business on July 17, 2009. Please take every opportunity to remind families to make their Healthy Families premium payments and to complete their Annual Eligibility Review on time.

### What can I do for a child or teen that does not qualify for Full Scope Medi-Cal or is put on the Healthy Families wait list?

- **First - Has the parent's income been correctly determined?** (deductions, countable/noncountable income, sibling income, stepparent issues). You want to be sure the applicants are not actually eligible for no-cost Medi-Cal.
- **Children who may be eligible should complete the joint Healthy Families/Medi-Cal application.** This ensures that they that are included in the Healthy Families wait list if not eligible for Medi-Cal with no Share of Cost, and will be enrolled when a space becomes available. The wait list numbers will also help demonstrate the need and may help with advocacy efforts.
- **Children who are put on the Healthy Families wait list may be eligible for a Medi-Cal program, with or without a share of cost, and should apply at the County.** MCHA can provide technical assistance helping to evaluate specific cases, and, if the child does not qualify for free Medi-Cal, how to maximize the usefulness of the Share of Cost program.
- **AIM babies can still be registered in Healthy Families and will not be placed on the wait list.** Use the infant registration form to register the baby.  
[http://www.aim.ca.gov/My\\_AIM\\_Program/Register\\_HFP.aspx](http://www.aim.ca.gov/My_AIM_Program/Register_HFP.aspx)
- **Is the child under five years of age?** Enrollment is still open in the Healthy Kids program for children who are 5 1/2 and younger and meet existing Healthy Kids eligibility requirements.
- **Does the child's family have an open, active case with Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan for another sibling?** If so, you can add a child that is not currently enrolled using the Membership Update Form. You can download the form at:  
[http://www.mchaccess.org/training\\_materials.htm](http://www.mchaccess.org/training_materials.htm)
- **Does the child have an urgent need for health care?** Refer to LA County Department of Health Services (LAC/DHS) or a Public Private Partnership (PPP) program, depending on area and need. For urgent or ongoing care, LAC/DHS and PPPs should offer free, sliding scale, or low-cost (for some PPP's) health care. If the family is under 133% of poverty and the child does not qualify for full scope Medi-Cal due to immigration status the child may be eligible for free coverage under Outpatient Reduced-Cost and Simplified Application (ORSA) or the PPP's free services if under 133 1/3% of poverty. If the child qualifies for full scope Medi-Cal with a share of cost, they can still use the County Pre-Pay program. You can call (800) 427-8700 to locate a LA County location or a PPP provider or search: <http://ph.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/adrsP/adrssearchform.cfm>

- Is the child within the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) schedule of visit's or is a problem suspected or a visit needed outside the schedule for sports physical or foster care exam? See <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/chdp/>. If so, the child can get up to two months full Medi-Cal if s/he does not already have Restricted (sometimes called Emergency) Medi-Cal. During that time, it is possible to receive care for even longer by applying for ongoing coverage. Attend anMCH Access training if you need assistance helping families in this way. To find a CHDP provider you can call toll-free (800) 993-CHDP.

### CHDP Periodicity (schedule of visits):

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| Less than 1 month of age | 9 months of age  | 2 years of age   | 9-12 years of age  |
| 2 months of age          | 12 months of age | 3 years of age   | 13-16 years of age |
| 4 months of age          | 15 months of age | 4-5 years of age | 17-20 years of age |
| 6 months of age          | 18 months of age | 6-8 years of age |                    |

- **If the child is undocumented, is it possible the child is Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL, a Medi-Cal category) and thus eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal?**  
The most likely reason is that his/her immigration status is being adjusted, the family has applied for Legal Permanent Residency (LPR or “green card”) or in some other way is adjusting status.
- **Does the child have an urgent need that may be considered an emergency?** If so, s/he may be able to use Restricted or Emergency Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status. Having Restricted Medi-Cal will eliminate the ability to get temporary full-scope Medi-Cal from the CHDP Gateway, but will not eliminate the ability to get a CHDP exam and immunizations.
- **Is the child or teen in need of confidential services for family planning, pregnancy, rape treatment, exam or treatment for a possible Sexually Transmitted Infection, outpatient mental health care, or alcohol or drug abuse services?** S/he may be eligible for Minor Consent Medi-Cal if living in the parents’ home. The parents’ income will not count.
- **Is the child or teen in need of confidential health education, reproductive health services such as family planning, emergency contraception, or a gynecological exam, HIV and other STI screening, available from the Family PACT program?** Call (800) 942-1054 to locate a provider in your area or see [www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/ofp/Programs/FamPACT/default.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/ofp/Programs/FamPACT/default.htm).
- **Does the child have a serious or chronic medical condition?** Immigrants ineligible for regular Medi-Cal and Healthy Families are still eligible for health care for serious and/or chronic medical conditions from California Children’s Services (CCS), services from Regional Centers, mental health care, etc., in addition to Medi-Cal emergency services, Minor Consent Medi-Cal, and FamPACT. See the Health Consumer Center’s brochure at <http://www.healthconsumer.org/publications.htm>. To make a referral to CCS, or for more information on the program, call (800) 288-4584.

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