



HEALTHY FAMILIES PREMIUM INCREASES & DENTAL CHANGES

Due to the passage of Assembly Bill 1422 premiums and co-pays for the Healthy Families Program will increase beginning November 1st, 2009, for families with income over 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Increases in premiums are as follows:

- No premium increase for families with income under 150% of FPL (HF category A).
- Families with income between 150-200% of FPL (HF category B), will have premium increases from \$12 to \$16 per child, a 33% increase in premium. If a family has three children enrolled, the maximum paid goes from \$36 to \$48.
- Families with income between 200-250% of FPL (HF category C) will have premium increases from \$17 to \$24 per child, a 41% increase in premium. If a family has three children enrolled, the maximum paid goes from \$51 to \$72.

Other cost-sharing will include co-pay increases from \$5 to \$15 for emergency room visits that do not result in hospitalization and co-pay increases from \$5 to \$10 for non-preventative health, dental and vision services. **Note: There will be no co-pay increases for families with incomes under 150% FPL (HF category A).**

In addition, most children enrolling in Healthy Families as of November 1, 2009, will not have access to Healthy Families PPO based dental provider system. Most new enrollees will be limited to enrolling in a dental managed care plan. Limited dental plan choice **applies** to children if:

- Your child is enrolled in Healthy Families on **or** after November 1, 2009;
- Your child was not previously enrolled in Healthy Families for 2 consecutive years. Two (2) consecutive years mean that your child was enrolled in the program for 2 years without a break in coverage; **or**
- You did not previously have any child enrolled in Healthy Families for 2 consecutive years.

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