



HEALTHY FAMILIES PREMIUM INCREASES

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, children's options in choosing dental service providers will eventually become more limited as, at a future date, the Healthy Families program will move from a PPO based dental provider system to a managed care based provider system.

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