

# About Presumptive Eligibility Services for Pregnant Women

## What is... Presumptive Eligibility?

Presumptive Eligibility is also known as **PE**. It is a Medi-Cal program that provides temporary prenatal, miscarriage and abortion care to low-income women and teens.

**Immigration status does not matter.**

**With PE, you can receive the following services immediately and for free!**

## Services covered by PE:

- ✓ Pregnancy tests
- ✓ Prenatal care visits
- ✓ Services for miscarriage or abortion
- ✓ Medications prescribed for pregnancy
- ✓ Some preventive dental care

PE does not cover hospital labor and delivery and other inpatient services, but Medi-Cal does.



## How do I enroll in PE?

1. Call a Medi-Cal clinic or doctor—you can call 211 for names of doctors or clinics, or go to <http://lapublichealth.org/mch/csp/cpsproviders/providerlist.htm>  
Ask the doctor or clinic if they offer PE.
2. Make an appointment and tell the clinic or doctor you do not have health insurance. Apply for PE here.  
(If you qualify, you can receive a temporary PE card and medical services the same day.)
3. Fill out a Medi-Cal application. Your doctor or clinic may have a Medi-Cal application for you, or call **1-877-597-4777** (free) for a mail-in Medi-Cal application to be sent to you, or to find out where you can apply in person. To see other locations to apply: [http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/maps/medi-cal\\_map.cfm](http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/maps/medi-cal_map.cfm)
4. Be sure to check the box on the application for medical care you got in the last three months, in case you have services that PE won't cover. (Apply for Medi-Cal even if you miscarry, to get the most coverage possible.)
5. Mail the Medi-Cal Application to:  
**Northridge Mail-In Unit**  
Medi-Cal District #90  
9451 Corbin Avenue  
Northridge, CA 91324

If you have already turned in a Medi-Cal application and need prenatal care or other services, just follow steps 1 thru 4.

Take your PE card with you to your medical appointments until you receive a letter from Medi-Cal.

PE will pay for PE-covered services while you wait for a decision from Medi-Cal.

If you have applied for Medi-Cal and your PE card date is ending, your doctor or clinic can extend your PE until your Medi-Cal gets approved.

**IMPORTANT!**  
**Turn in your Medi-Cal Application**  
**BEFORE the end date on your PE card!**

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SIGNATURE/FIRMA: <i>Jane Doe</i>	DATE/FECHA: 10/19/98
THE PERSON NAMED ON THIS CARD IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY	
VALID FOR AMBULATORY PRENATAL CARE AND PHARMACY SERVICES ONLY	PROVIDER USE ONLY
	MEDICAL APPLICATION FILED: PROVIDER SIGNATURE: PROVIDER STAMP HERE
	PE PROVIDER SIGNATURE: PE PROVIDER TITLE: SECOND GOOD THRU: MEDICAL ID: 12-2345678-90
	FIRST GOOD THRU: 11/30/98 PATIENT NAME: JANE DOE DOB (MM/DD/YY): 123170
PE Provider Signature: <i>John Jake, M.D.</i>	Date: 10/19/98
PE Provider Title: M.D.	

When your Medi-Cal is approved, it will pay for your hospital labor and delivery services and other medical services that PE does not cover.

**Reminder: PE covers miscarriages and abortions.** However, it is best to also apply for regular Medi-Cal before the PE end date or as soon as possible to be sure every cost is covered. Ask for “retroactive” Medi-Cal.

## What if I have problems?

- *What if my Medi-Cal application is denied?*
- *What if I get medical bills?*
- *What if I'm told PE doesn't pay for some services I need or received?*

## Contact

Health Consumer Center:

**1-800-896-3203** OR

**Maternal and Child Health  
Access: 1-213-749-4261**

If you make too much money for free Medi-Cal, contact **AIM** (Access for Infants and Mothers) at **1-800-433-2611**

**AIM** is a low-cost health insurance program for pregnant women whose income is too high to qualify for no cost Medi-Cal.

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## Medi-Cal Offices in Los Angeles

Call **1-877-597-4777** (free) to find locations or have an application sent to you. Or see the office locations at: [http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/maps/medi-cal\\_map.cfm](http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/maps/medi-cal_map.cfm)

### What if I am a Minor?

If you apply for PE as a minor, you **must** list your parents' income.

However Medi-Cal has a special program called "**Minor Consent**" or "Sensitive Services" that do not count parents' income. It provides some confidential services to people under 21 who live with their parents. Minor Consent covers family planning, pregnancy, abortion, sexual assault treatment, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, substance abuse and some outpatient mental health services.

You must apply with a county worker in a Medi-Cal office or a clinic site.

Eligibility is month to month, so you need to see your worker each month to recertify.



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[www.mchaccess.org](http://www.mchaccess.org)

## Think you may be pregnant?

**No insurance? Low income?**



**You do not have to wait to get prenatal care!**

**Miscarriages are also covered.**