



Maternal and Child Health Access

-MCHA Advocate Update-

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2009 - 2010 FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES

Effective April 1st 2009

The Federal Income Guidelines for counting income for your clients have been changed. Click [HERE](#) for updated Health Care Countable Income Comparison Chart. You MUST also update your Core Training binder fact sheets from the materials on our website, otherwise they will be inaccurate: Click [HERE](#) to access materials.

You may want to save a copy of the 2008 - 2009 guidelines for the next 3 months to help with retro-active Medi-Cal applications.

MEDI-CAL MID-YEAR STATUS REPORTING

Senate Bill SBX 3 24 (Alquist) passed last Friday, once again changing the Medi-Cal Mid Year Status Report (MSR). The new bill restores 12 months of Continuous Eligibility for Children (CEC) protection to children under age 19. This means that Los Angeles County will return to MSR rules in place previous to January 1, 2009, and families will no longer have to fill out MSRs at six months for children under the age of 21. Please note that aged, blind or disabled individuals and pregnant women who have reported their pregnancy to their Medi-Cal worker continue to be exempt as adults from the six months MSR.

PERSONALIZED PROVIDER DIRECTORY

They're Here!

The personalized Provider Directories (PPD) Pilot Project was implemented on February 27, 2009 in Los Angeles and Sacramento County.

A PPD is a customized directory listing the 50 providers and 20 clinics located closest to a beneficiary's home address. If necessary, the list will be expanded to include at least five providers whose language matches the

beneficiary's target language. However, note that the priority is for the closest provider - only one OB or only one Pediatrician will be included if others are not within the closest 50 providers. This is something we will want to fix and we want to hear your feedback about.

Beneficiaries may also call and request a PPD for an alternate address or a different language. They may also request a county-wide directory, listing all providers in their county. Maximus will reset the "default period", if a beneficiary requests another directory within 30 days of the initial mailing. When the new booklet is mailed, the default period will begin again. These customized booklets printed in "real time" will replace the heavy, inches thick packet of directories that were previously sent to Medi-Cal beneficiaries eligible to enroll in managed care.

For more detailed information click [HERE!](#)



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