



-MCHA Advocate Alert Update- October 12, 2016

**MCAP (formerly known as AIM) will be delivered
through Medi-Cal for new applicants
starting October 1**

NO CHANGES for women already enrolled in an MCAP plan before October 1

1) **What happens October 1?** Pregnant women who apply for the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP), which used to be the Access for Infants and Mothers program (AIM), and are eligible will receive their services through Medi-Cal's "regular", or fee-for-service, system, instead of through separate MCAP health plans, starting October 1, 2016.

The women will still have to pay their MCAP subscriber contributions to the State Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS's) vendor, Maximus. Questions about MCAP eligibility and benefits and administrative fair hearings for MCAP enrollees will still go through Maximus and State DHCS. We have asked for a copy of the new "Welcome to MCAP" letter, for the provider bulletin explaining the change, and for a copy of the woman's benefit card.

- **NOTE:** Women already in an MCAP health plan before October 1, 2016 will not be changed: these women will stay in their MCAP plans until after their babies are born and the postpartum period ends.

2) **What services are covered for new MCAP applicants on and after October 1?** According to State DHCS, the benefits will be Medi-Cal's Full Scope benefits.

Women enrolled in MCAP on or after October 1 will also have access to Denti-Cal, which is Medi-Cal's dental program.

- **NOTE:** If you know of a woman remaining in an MCAP health plan who needs a dental exam or dental services, please let MCHA know. These women, too, have a legal right to dental care while in their MCAP plans.

3) **What happens after June 30, 2017?** At that point, the state will start enrolling all new MCAP applicants into Medi-Cal managed care plans under Full-Scope Medi-Cal, and the women will also receive Denti-Cal. Stay tuned.

Do you have clients? Please be sure they get the prenatal care they

need! Call us with any questions or comments! (213) 749-4261: Liz Ramirez (lizr@mchaccess.org), Celia Valdez (celiav@mchaccess.org), or Lynn Kersey (lynnk@mchaccess.org).

Employment Opportunities

Please click on the job title you are interested in to view the full job description and the application process. And provide a cover letter and current resume with your application that specifically outlines your employment history experience and educational background for which you're applying.

- [CalFRESH \(formerly known as Food Stamps\) Advocate](#)
- [Parent Coach - Welcome Baby Program](#)
- [Health Programs and Benefits Trainer](#)
- [Human Resources Manager](#)

MCHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

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