



Maternal and Child Health Access

-MCHA Advocate Update- April 2014

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2014 - 2015 Federal Income Guidelines

The Federal Income Guidelines for counting income for your clients has changed effective April 1st, 2014. 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 those materials. You may want to save a copy of the 2013 - 2014 guidelines to help with retroactive Medi-Cal applications for months prior to April, 2013.

Issues for Pregnancy Coverage in 2014 - Medi-Cal, Covered California and AIM

Health coverage can be confusing, and during pregnancy it is important that all necessary medical and other services be provided without delay. We hope this information helps clarify some of the current confusion and questions that exist; please let us know if you are experiencing problems with access to care for your pregnant patients or clients. Click [HERE](#) to access information.

"We've Got You Covered" Core Trainings

This two-day training is designed for individuals who want to provide full-service outreach, enrollment and retention services for clients. All free or low cost health programs provided in LA County are included: Medi-Cal (including the newly eligible under the Medi-Cal expansion), Covered California, Healthy Kids, and Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan and Los Angeles County resources for those that remain uninsured. Also included are Medicare,

Managed Care, immigrant issues and advocacy tips to help you and your clients navigate complicated systems.

Upcoming Trainings:

WHEN:

Thursday, April 24th & Friday, April 25th, 2014
(8:30AM - 4:30PM)

(limited spaces available)



LOCATION:

MCH Access
Patricia Phillips Community Room
1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(6th St. and Bixel St.)

WHEN:

Thursday, May 8th & Friday, May 9th, 2014
(8:30AM - 4:30PM)

(limited spaces available)



LOCATION:

The Wellness Center
At the historic General Hospital
1200 N. State St.
Los Angeles, CA 90033

WHEN:

Thursday, May 29th & Friday, May 30th, 2014
(8:30AM - 4:30PM)

(limited spaces available)



LOCATION:

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Special Enrollment in Covered California

Covered California is now CLOSED for enrollment until October 15, 2014 - EXCEPT if you qualify for special enrollment. A special enrollment period (SEP) is a time outside of the open enrollment period during which an individual has experienced a life event that makes them "qualified" to enroll in a Covered California Health Plan or to make changes to their existing Covered California Health Plan. Losing your existing insurance coverage or no longer qualifying for Medi-Cal is considered a "qualifying" event. This event would trigger a special enrollment period which allows individuals to enroll into Covered California even if it is not during the yearly open enrollment period. Other qualifying events include the loss of a job, marriage, divorce, birth of a child, moving to new county or moving to California. Note that pregnancy is NOT a qualifying event - only the birth of the child. A change in a person's immigration status which makes them newly eligible for coverage in Covered California is also considered a qualifying event. In most cases individuals have 60 days from the qualifying life event to enroll in new coverage.

There is no open enrollment period for Medi-Cal; people can apply at any time throughout the year.

California's Coordinated Care Initiative Training

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) is offering free trainings on upcoming changes to Medicare and Medi-Cal for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities under California's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI). These trainings will provide an overview of the different parts of CCI: 1) Cal Mediconnect- An integrated managed care plan for persons with both Medicare and Medi-Cal; 2) Mandatory Medi-Cal managed care for persons with both Medicare and Medi-Cal; 3) Managed Long-Term Supports and Services (MLTSS)- Medi-Cal Long-Term Supports and Services programs like In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and Medi-Cal Long-Term Care will become Medi-Cal managed care benefits.

FREE TRAININGS: Learn about upcoming changes to Medicare and Medi-Cal for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities under California's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI).

SESSION 1:

DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 2014

TIME: 10am-12pm

LOCATION: Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA),
13327 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

SESSION 2:

DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2014

TIME: 10am-12pm

LOCATION: The Wellness Center at the Historic General Hospital, 1200 N. State Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

For more information or to register, please contact us at ccitrainings@nls-la.org.

To reserve your space, please register by Wednesday, April 9, and indicate the session you wish to attend.

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