



-MCHA Advocate Update-

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HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM CHANGES

The LA Healthy Kids program has had a difficult time financing coverage for the 6-18 year-olds currently enrolled. Thanks to additional funding from the LA Care Board of Directors and others, the currently enrolled 6-18 year olds will continue with their coverage. To help with the financial shortfall, the following changes will be implemented on July 1st, 2010, for the 6-18 year-olds currently enrolled.

Beginning July 1st, 2010, all Healthy Kids enrollees ages 6-18 will be required to pay a \$15.00 per-child per-month premium; with a family maximum of premiums paid for three children. If a family has four children enrolled, the maximum premium paid will be \$45. This is a change for families with income below 133% of Federal Poverty Level, who previously did not pay a monthly premium. It is also a change for those who already pay a premium; the family maximum was set at two children. Children will also be disenrolled after 60 days of non-payment of premiums. Emergency Room co-payments will increase for 6-18 year olds from \$5 to \$15.

Very important: These program changes will NOT affect the 0-5 population.

On May 21st, 2010 families were mailed a "Premium Increase Form" that must be completed and mailed back by June 21st, 2010, if families want their child's coverage to continue.

Very Important:

- Families who do not return the Premium Increase Form will be disenrolled effective July 1st, 2010.
- Families who have moved must report their change of address to LA Care so that they receive the notice.
- Families must complete their annual renewal paperwork so they don't get dropped from the program. There is no new enrollment for children ages 6-18 - so families who miss their renewal will

NOT be able to reapply for a 6-18 year old!

Important Dates

May 21, 2010 Premium Increase Form was mailed to families

June 21, 2010 Form must be returned to LA Care to continue coverage

July 1, 2010 Premium increase to \$15 per child age 6-18, per month

July 1, 2010 Emergency Room services co-payment increase from \$5 to \$15

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a blank copy of the notification letter or Premium Increase Response Form. If you have questions or your client needs help completing the Premium Increase Response Form or did not receive the letter and form, please call L.A. Care's Member Services Department at 1-888-839-9909.

EMPLOYMENT

MCH Access is hiring a Finance-Human Resources Assistant well as positions for our Welcome, Baby! program- nurses and other home visitors.

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