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Maternal and Child Health Access

-MCHA Advocate Update-

September, 2010

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Medi-Cal Will Now Pay for Some Optometry Services for Adults

On July 1, 2009, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) excluded several optional benefits, including optometry services, from coverage for adult beneficiaries under the Medi-Cal program.

Starting July 26, 2010, Medi-Cal will again pay for optometry services as a covered benefit for adult beneficiaries under the Medi-Cal program.

"Optometry services" include diagnostic, ancillary and supplemental procedures used for the evaluation of the visual system. Services related to eyeglasses and other eye appliances are still excluded, except bandaged contact lenses (HCPCS code V2599), which will be covered for eligible beneficiaries based on medical necessity.

For more information on restored optometry services for adults [CLICK HERE](#).

Important Healthy Kids Update - FINAL EXTENSION!

LA Care is providing an additional extension for Healthy Kids 6-18 families who have been disenrolled for non-payment of premiums.

If a family has been disenrolled from the HK 6-18 program for non-payment of premiums, but sends LA Care the full payment owed as of August 31, 2010, they will be reinstated into the program. LA Care needs to receive this payment as soon as possible and postmarked NO LATER than September 20.

LA Care began placing outbound phone calls September 2nd to all Spanish speaking households disenrolled

effective September 1 to inform them of this extension. This is the final extension. It is being provided because families did not receive the nonpayment letter in their preferred language but in English only. Starting this month, all HK letters will be distributed in the following languages: English, Armenian, Chinese (Traditional), Spanish, Khmer (Cambodian), Korean, and Vietnamese.

Please advise families disenrolled effective September 1 about this opportunity to have their children reinstated into this program. Have them send payment in full (outstanding balance) by the 20th of September 2010.

For questions please contact LA Care at 1-888-452-5437.

"We've Got You Covered" 2-day Core Comprehensive Training

This two-day training is designed for individuals who want to provide full-service outreach, enrollment and retention services for clients. Programs for children and adults are covered. All free or low cost health programs provided in LA County are included: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan, California Kids, as well as County Resources, Managed Care, Immigrant Issues, and Advocacy Tips for accessing and successfully using these programs and resources.

**Thursday, September 30th & Friday, September 31st, 2010
(8:30AM - 4:30PM)**

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AND

**Thursday, October 28th & Friday, October 29th, 2010
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MCHA Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2010 10 AM - 12 noon

Moseley Salvatori Conference Center

Good Samaritan Hospital

637 S. Lucas Street

Los Angeles, CA 90017

(between 6th and Wilshire Streets)

Speakers:

Nancy M. Gomez, Southern California Regional Organizer
Health Access

Topic:

Health Reform at six months of age!

What new benefits will go into place this month for

insured/those seeking health insurance?

State legislation update!

Parking:

Free at MCH Access, enter on 5th St. to 2-story parking (between Lucas and Bixel) and walk across street or pay \$6 at Good Samaritan, entering on Lucas St. across from the conference

center

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