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Changes to L.A. County's Ambulatory Care System

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (LADHS) is implementing a state Medicaid Demonstration project that allows counties to create a health program for its population up to 133% of poverty as a "bridge" to eventual Medi-Cal coverage. As part of this process, LADHS has shifted its approach to delivering health care and the way patients access services. LADHS is now emphasizing preventive care over episodic care and trying to shift patients away from emergency and urgent care rooms and toward preventive primary care. As part of this move LADHS has created a new program called Healthy Way LA (see below). Patients must choose a medical home at either an LADHS clinic or a Community Partner Clinic (formerly known as Public Private Partnership-PPP-clinics).

Healthy Way LA (HWLA) provides preventive, primary, and specialty care services to individuals ineligible for full scope Medi-Cal or insurance. HWLA "matched" program is available to adults between ages 19 and 64. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents for at least five years. Applicants of all other age groups and/or those without satisfactory immigration status may qualify for HWLA's "unmatched" program at a Community Partner clinic or for ORSA at an LA County DHS Clinic. Net family income (after allowable deductions) must be at or below 133% FPL. Applicants must live in L.A. County. For information or to locate a HWLA provider call (877) 333-4952 or click [HERE](#) -and **click on the Provider Directory**.

California Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP)

The PCIP is a federally-funded program that offers health coverage to individuals who have been unable to obtain health insurance coverage due to pre-existing medical conditions.

To qualify for PCIP, you must also meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a California resident.
- Have **no** health insurance coverage for the past 6 months, prior to your application being received (remember that MRMIP exists for those who are at least three months uninsured, [HERE](#)).
- Be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawfully present individual in the United States.
- Have been denied individual insurance coverage within the past 12 months for a pre-existing condition.

There is a monthly premium for this program; premium amount is based on age and where you live.

Effective August 1, 2011, the federal government approved the California PCIP to reduce premiums for subscribers.

The new [premiums](#) take effect October 1, 2011, but subscribers who were enrolled in August or September will receive credits on future invoices or refunds, depending on whether they are still enrolled.

For addition premium reduction information, view the [FAQs on PCIP Premium Reductions](#).

PCIP will now pay Enrollment Entities (EE) Application Assistance payments

Enrollment Entities (EEs) and Certified Application Assistants (CAAs) are a great resource for helping uninsured Californians get the health insurance they need. To help ensure that everyone who is eligible for the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) applies, **PCIP will pay EEs application assistance** payments. Qualified EEs will receive application assistance payments for PCIP certified CAAs whose application assistance result in a successful enrollment in the PCIP program.

The EE must be registered with the Healthy Families Program (HFP) and/or PCIP and the CAA must be certified for the PCIP program.

To be eligible for the Application Assistance Payment:

- EEs currently registered with HFP do not need to re-apply.
- EEs not currently registered with HFP need to submit an [Invitation to Participate](#) (ITP) Form to PCIP for approval. The link also provides Instructions for completing the ITP form.
- CAAs need to complete PCIP certification.
 - The certification process:
 - Requires CAAs to take a 2-hour training course, entitled "[PCIP 101](#)": CAAs who complete the PCIP 101 training course and pass the certification exam will be PCIP certified.

For further information about the EE/CAA process for the PCIP and CAA PCIP certification, please contact the EE/CAA Liaison Helpdesk at 1-800-279-5012. Or you may email ee-caaliation@maximus.com. Their business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

CCS Provider Bulletin explains enrollment in Medi-Cal Managed Care

A new Los Angeles County Provider Bulletin for CCS, dated 9-7-11, explains that Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are CCS clients and who are assigned an AID code that is for Seniors or Persons with Disabilities (SPD) should NOT be enrolled into a Medi-Cal Managed Care Organization. These aid codes are NOT listed on the bulletin below, but are: 20, 24, 26, 2E, 2H, 36, 60, 64, 66, 6A, 6C, 6E, 6G, 6H, 6J, 6N, 6P, 6V, 10,14, 16, 1E, 1H.

See provider bulletin [HERE](#). If you have a client enrolled who is in one of these aid codes, and is in CCS, and have trouble with continuity of care and/or disenrollment, please call Celia Valdez at (213) 749-4261 ext. 316. Thank you.

Healthy Kids Program Update

LA Care has updated the Healthy Kids Enrollment [Supplies Order Form](#). Please note that the fax number has changed. Also, if a CAA/CAA agency has a supply of applications, but would like to order just envelopes with L.A. Care's new address, they can use the COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS section to do so. Just indicate "envelopes only" and the quantity. Otherwise, the procedure for ordering applications has not changed.

Please contact Raheleh Barznia at LA Care with questions phone: 213.694.1250, x4127, rbarznia@lacare.org

"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, Healthy Way LA, 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 22nd & Friday, September 23rd, 2011
(8:30AM - 4:30PM)
Limited Spaces Available**

(Click [HERE](#) to RVSP)

Citrus Valley Health Partners/GEM Project
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Thursday, October 12th & Friday October 13th, 2011
(8:30AM - 4:30PM)
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