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Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, February 18, 2016

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION:

MCH Access

Patricia Phillips Community Room

1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90017

(6th St., and Bixel St.)

SPEAKER/TOPIC:

Zika virus updates

Angela Salazar, MPH | SPA3 & 4 Health Educator, LADHS

SPA 4 Area Health Office

Oral Health Initiative: Integrating oral health care into LAUSD's
health services program

Maryjane Puffer, BSN, MPA | Executive Director L.A. Trust for
Children's Health

Updates

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PARKING:

Free at MCH Access; enter on 5th St. to 2-story parking (between
Lucas and Bixel) and walk across the alley to our building.

Please contact our office with any questions regarding this email

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 19, 2016, 10 AM - 12 PM: Statewide Hearing on Poverty and the Real Economy in Los Angeles SEIU Local 721, Auditorium, 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017

The focus of this hearing will be on the state budget and its impact on the benefits, programs and services created to serve low-income residents and the key implications of the economy on our state. This hearing will feature the voices of community members who normally go unheard during the legislative and budget process due to the significant financial hardship of a trip to Sacramento.

If you would like to record your personal story/struggle on video, plan to arrive at 9:00 AM.

Click [HERE](#) to download flyer and [HERE](#) to email Aurora Garcia for more information or at 562-519-3106. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard!

Feb. 29 - March 1 6th Annual Injury Prevention Symposium, 7:30 AM - 4 PM, sponsored by the Injury Prevention Alliance of Los Angeles County and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. See www.chla.org/IPALAC .

ZIKA Virus Resources

Perinatal Links has circulated numerous ever-expanding links and information. Contact perinatallinks@lists.labestbabies.org if you are not on this essential list-serve. In addition, in case you can't make it this week, see Additional resources on Zika virus from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/VectorZika.htm>

Use available resources to inform your patients. Travel warning posters ([English/Spanish](#)) and Frequently Asked Questions documents ([English/Spanish](#)) are available from Public Health.

Meeting Notes Thursday Jan. 21, 2016 Guest Speaker: Lucy Quacinella, Multiforum Advocacy Solutions

Ms. Quacinella gave an overview of the most recent information and changes in prenatal care coverage:

- As of August 1, 2015, citizen and lawfully present pregnant applicants joined the rest of the adults receiving Medi-Cal up to 138% of poverty. Women in Medi-Cal who became pregnant had that right with other adults; just new pregnant applicants had been penalized. They are enrolled in managed care plans; medical exemptions still possible.
- All others above the 138% threshold, and ALL undocumented women have pregnancy-related Medi-Cal.
- The scope of "pregnancy-related" has changed. Under federal rules: All medically necessary care must be covered under the State Plan, just like for adults in full-scope. The state has said verbally it intends to follow the federal rule, but changes to existing written materials still in development. MCHA and others have commented extensively - need the changes in Provider Manuals, on AEVS and MEDS messaging, on the state and county computer pages, CalHEERS, etc. and training for all staff who answer questions from the public.
- State only requires "a diagnosis of pregnancy" but MCHA does not want that term "diagnosis" to get misconstrued or misinterpreted as a diagnosis WITHIN the pregnancy. Cardiologists, neurologists, oncologists, others who don't normally bill under pregnancy diagnosis won't know.
- **If you have ANY denied claim for a pregnant woman, let MCHA know.**

Payment can be received by check in the mail or received the day of the event. Pricing from \$25 to \$125 depending on how much of the conference you attend.

Friday, March 11, 2016, 8:00am - 3:30pm Co-Occurring Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Issues in Transition Aged Youth Sponsored by USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the California Endowment Conference Center 1000 N Alameda St, Los Angeles CA 90012. This one-of-a-kind conference offers over 15 sessions focusing on the needs of transitional age youth (ages 14-25) with co-occurring developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

Register [Here](#)

Tuesday, June 21, 8 AM - 2 PM - The 7th annual Reproductive Health & the Environment conference (FREE) will be held again at the California Endowment. Registration information comes out in April. Click [here](#) for flyer.

RESOURCES

Just in time for Children's Dental Health Month (February): A report from the federal Office of Inspector General "[Most Children with Medicaid in Four States are Not Receiving Required](#)

- There are no tax penalties for pregnant women for being in "pregnancy-related" Medi-Cal.
- Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) program is now the Medi-Cal Access Program for pregnant women 214-322% FPL. No copays, premiums, deductibles. Women pay 1.5% of income. If income declines, submit "premium re-evaluation".
- As of October 12, 2015, women can now apply online through Covered CA or the county. Fewer women are now being missed. No training yet for Service Center staff.
- Need to quickly pick a plan to avoid delays in coverage; can't do so online yet until after 2016. (Insert - here's what she does in the meantime: **Selecting a Health Plan** (Posted on MCAP website 11/12/15))

After you submit your application for the Medi-Cal Access Program through the Covered California website and have received notification that you are eligible for enrollment in MCAP, your next step is to select a Health Plan. Click here to see which health plans are available in your county. Once you have made your health plan selection, you must contact MCAP at 1-800-433-2611 and notify them of your plan selection. **The Health Plan selection is needed to enroll you in the health plan if your county has more than one Health Plan option and helps speed up enrollment. Please notify MCAP of your choice.**

- Pregnant citizen/LPR have the option to enroll in Covered CA instead if they want. They can't do so online until after 2016 - now get a message that they can call and switch and a letter. No training yet for Service Center staff.
- Transitions between programs can be difficult. If women in Cov CA and report drop in income, computer programmed to leave her in Cov CA but tell her she has option to MCAP. Also has OPTION to stay in Cov CA instead of moving to Medi-Cal, but if Medi-Cal eligible, computer WILL move her to Medi-Cal immediately. It was already programmed that way for non-pregnant enrollees.
- In Covered CA, pregnant women don't have to report a pregnancy. Doing so can subject them to break in coverage.

Reproductive Fact Act, California Assembly Bill 775, Stays in Effect

Reproductive FACT Act ("the Act"), which was signed into law on October 9, 2015, has been challenged by no less than four lawsuits. The most recent lawsuit was denied - so all four courts in which the lawsuits are being heard have denied preliminary injunctions, and the law will stay in

[Dental Services](#)". Guess which states are included? California, Indiana, Louisiana, and Maryland.

EMPLOYMENT

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

- [Pregnancy Coverage Specialist](#)
- [Administrative Assistant](#)
- [Project Coordinator](#)

[MCHA](#) is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

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effect. To recall, the law requires licenses covered facilities to provide the following notice:

California has public programs that provide immediate free or low-cost access to comprehensive family planning services (including all FDS-approved methods of contraception), prenatal care, and abortion for eligible women. To determine whether you qualify, contact the county social services office at [insert the telephone number]. Cal.H&S 123471 (a) (1). This notice must be either posted at the facility, printed for distribution to clients, or provided digitally to be read by clients upon arrival.

A separate code also requires unlicensed covered facilities to clearly and conspicuously "disseminate to clients on site and in any print and digital advertising materials including Internet Web sites" the following notice:

This facility is not licensed as a medical facility by the State of California and has no licensed medical provider who provides or directly supervises the provision of services.

Facilities covered under the Act that fail to comply with these requirements "are liable for a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first offense and one thousand (\$1,000) for each subsequent offense." Cal. Health & Safety § 123473(a). The prosecuting authority, including the Attorney General, city attorney or counsel, "may bring an action to impose a civil penalty" but only if both of the following has been done: (1) Providing the covered facility with reasonable notice of noncompliance, which informs the facility that it is subject to a civil penalty if it does not correct the violation within 30 days from the date the notice is sent to the facility. (2) Verifying that the violation was not corrected within the 30-day period described in paragraph (1). Cal. Health & Safety Code § 123473(a)(1)-(2). You can read the full order [here](#).

MCAP (formerly AIM) now has its own Authorized Representative form!

Use this form for your clients 214% poverty level up to 322% poverty level. Since the CalHEERS/Covered CA computer system was programmed in October to screen for MCAP, the state says there are now about 1000 women/month being made eligible. We expect this number to grow - so you may be using this form to make inquiries on the clients' behalf. The form is posted on the MCHA website and will be posted on the state's [MCAP website](#) later this month. Remember also that if your client's household income has changed she can submit a [Medi-Cal Access Program Contribution Re-Evaluation Form](#) to see if she qualifies to

lower or waive her monthly contribution - this is new as of September, 2015.

Mental Health Benefits available to children

DHCS released a [notice](#) on February 5, 2016, stating that county Mental Health Plans are obligated to provide Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) and Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS) (also known as "Katie A. services") to all full scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21 that meet medical necessity. The notice clarifies that neither membership in the Katie A. class or subclass is a prerequisite to receiving these services, and therefore a child need not have an open child welfare services case to be considered for receipt of these services.

ICC and IHBS are intensive home and community-based mental health services that aim to reduce unnecessary institutionalization of youth with mental health needs and allow them to live and thrive in their own homes and communities.

Managed Care Plans Must Provide Contraceptives Out of Plan

Managed care plans (MCPs) must pay for up to a 12 month supply of oral contraceptives, if such quantity is dispensed in an onsite clinic and billed by a qualified family planning provider, including out-of-plan providers. A qualified provider is a provider who is licensed to furnish family planning services within their scope of practice, is an enrolled Medi-Cal provider, and is willing to furnish family planning services to an enrollee as specified in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 51200. A physician, physician assistant (under the supervision of a physician), certified nurse midwife, and nurse practitioner are authorized to dispense medications.

Click [HERE](#) for All Plan Letter and [HERE](#) for the website link for all letters.

Unaccompanied Minors - FFS Medi-Cal granted

On Feb. 4, California's Department of Social Services and Health Care Services jointly issued the following All County Letter in light of a lawsuit filed against them a year ago. Available [HERE](#): It extends fee for service Medi-Cal coverage to Unaccompanied Refugee Minors through age 26, regardless of income (a benefit available to foster care youth and former foster care youth but not URM's until now).

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