



Maternal and Child Health Access

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EMPLOYMENT

Please click on job title to view full description and the application process. And provide a cover letter

Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Two sessions

10am - 12pm or 2pm - 4pm

LOCATION:

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

Health Reform: We Made It!



This monthly meeting will be a special two-hour training on the Affordable Care Act implementation in California: the changes happening October 1 and January 1, and especially, issues for coordination with Medi-Cal and for low-income people. MCHA will be joined by Neighborhood Legal Services, our training and advocacy partner.

Please feel free to sign up for training from 10-12 AM OR from 2-4 PM at MCH Access. If, however, you feel you've heard enough or know enough about health reform - we completely understand and will see you at our October meeting (October 17).

Materials Distributed at our July 18 meeting may be found [HERE](#) on our website.

and resume with your application that specifically outlines your employment history experience and educational background for which you're applying. **Please note: the job description for the Pregnancy Policy positions will be posted on our website soon.**

- [Welcome Baby Program Outreach Specialist](#)
- Project Coordinator - Pregnancy Policy
- Administrative Assistant - Pregnancy Policy

- [Community Outreach Worker - Enrollment and Retention in Health Coverage Programs](#)
- [Health Programs and Benefits Trainer](#)

MCHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

Join Our List

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I would like to register for the 10am to 12pm session



OR

I would like to register for the 2pm to 4pm session



Other dates, times, places available - see our events calendar [HERE](#).

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 or visit our website for further information about our organization.

Summary of July meeting (no meeting in August)

SPEAKER: Connie Choi, Esq., Staff Attorney for Advancing Justice - LA's Immigration and Citizenship Project

Topic: Update on Immigration Reform, Deferred Action and DREAMERS

Ms. Choi spoke to the group about a number of immigration-related health coverage issues. Undocumented people number about 900,000 in Los Angeles; currently LA and nationally is experiencing the highest number of deportations ever. At the time of the meeting, the Senate had passed their bill (S. 774, June 27, 2013) and the focus was on the House in Congress to create a path to citizenship. Ms. Choi gave out an "At A Glance" about that bill, available [HERE](#). Advice from immigration groups is for clients to focus on gathering documents and NOT to seek the advice of "notarios", or notary public offices that often give immigration advice. No laws have yet been written for immigration reform and people will just be wasting money. A "Know Your Rights and Take Action" sheet explained the process for the bill to become law, and how to contact members of Congress to pass a House version that would:

- include a path to citizenship
- end human rights violations at the border

- strengthen family-based immigration, reducing backlogs and protecting brothers and sisters and adult married children categories
- guarantee immigration equality for LGBTQ families
- end unjust detentions and deportations
- protect workers' rights

National number for assistance is: 888-349-9695. Advocates and agencies may call National Immigration Law Center at 213-639-3900 with questions and see their [website](#).

Dental Care Updates - Monica Ochoa, Oral Health Advocacy Coordinator

1. July, 2013 Denti-Cal Bulletin (Vol. 29, No. 12) This [Bulletin](#) lets Denti-Cal providers know they can provide dental services to children on Medi-Cal including foster children if they come to their office without a BIC (Medi-Cal) Card. The Bulletin provides information on other ways to verify Medi-Cal eligibility.

The refusal of dental services when foster children show up at the dental office without their card has been an ongoing problem. The Bulletin is the first step to assuring foster children will receive preventative dental and treatment services. Please share the Bulletin widely with others that work with and care for foster children and youth.

Foster care public health nurses and other care providers can fax or bring the Bulletin directly to the dentist if the dentist refuses to schedule an appointment or provide dental services to children without their BIC Card.

Please keep Carol Brown informed when you experience dental access problems with foster youth:

Carol Brown
State Foster Care Task Force
510-219-2940
carolabrown@sbcglobal.net

Monica announced a webinar about pediatric dental stand-alone model contracts on July 23rd. See webinar [HERE](#).

Two options, stand alone plans, and bundled plans. There are nine stand-alone plans that are being offered by five issuers (Anthem Dental, Blue Shield of California, Delta Dental of California, LIBERTY Dental Plan and Premier Access Dental) while Health Net Dental is available only in a bundled option. Note update:

COVERED CALIFORNIA FINALIZES CONTRACTS FOR CHILDREN'S DENTAL PLANS IN 2014 Board Directs Exchange to Expand Options in 2015, Points to Embedded Model as Best Option

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Underscoring its commitment to children's oral health, Covered California™ announced today that insurers signed contracts to offer pediatric dental coverage in 2014 in both the Exchange's individual and small-group employer markets.

The contracts offer **stand-alone plans** for children's dental coverage in the first year of the new health benefit exchange, which will open for enrollment Oct. 1. Meanwhile, Covered California pledged to work toward embedding pediatric dental coverage in its 2015 portfolio of comprehensive medical insurance products.

Five insurance companies will offer plans to families who buy insurance through Covered California in 2014: Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield of California, Delta Dental, Liberty Dental and Premier Access.

Seven companies will offer plans in Covered California's Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP): Blue Shield of California, Delta Dental, Guardian, Liberty Dental, MetLife, Premier Access and Safeguard.

The companies offer a rich mix of plan choices statewide with rates as low as \$8 per month in some areas.

In a special meeting Aug. 8, the Covered California Board voted to direct staff to come back by the end of the year with proposals for embedding children's dental coverage in all Covered California health insurance plans in 2015. Covered California has begun reviewing how that could be accomplished under federal and state laws, while engaging consumer and dental care advocates.

Because of technical constraints, Covered California is unable to offer bundled pediatric dental plans in 2014. This has led to Health Net's withdrawal from participation in Covered California's 2014 pediatric dental plans. However, Health Net will participate in the offering of Covered California health plans in the individual and small-group markets for 2014.

Covered California does not expect any pediatric dental coverage gaps, as the remaining plans are well-positioned to offer a variety of stand-alone coverage choices to families in each of the state's rating regions.

3. A ruling by the 9th U.S Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday July 5, 2013, found that Medi-Cal cuts in 2009 were illegal. Those cuts included services for dental care, chiropractic treatment, and podiatric services in rural and other underserved areas. The ruling only applies to Medi-Cal beneficiaries receiving care at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics.

In other words, this ruling states that Medi-Cal patients who access care at FQHC and Rural Health Clinics in the past and were not able to receive dental care such as root canals, fillings and other restorative care, will now be able to receive these services, but only at FQHC and Rural Health Clinics. We suggest you call them first before sending patients.

4. Partial restoration of dental services in Medi-Cal. This funding will cover preventive care, examinations fluoride treatments, restorations (fillings) crowns, root canal therapy, and full dentures and repairs for pts who can't chew. This restoration will go into effect May, 2014. Provider bulletin with details of the restoration can be view [HERE](#).

[AB 50](#), other measures reach Governor's desk for signature

[AB 50](#) (Pan) was the bill that would have implemented premium assistance/wrap around for pregnant women with income to 200% of poverty enrolling in the Exchange. That part of the bill was removed when we ran out of time to address concerns about women's access to Medi-Cal benefits, such as the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP), and other issues. We continue to discuss these issues with DHCS and strongly believe a win-win is possible. Please stay tuned.

MCH Access strongly supports AB 50 in its current form, and we hope you will, too. AB 50:

- provides full-scope Medi-Cal to pregnant women with income at or below 100% of poverty in any trimester-- not just the third, as is the current restrictive eligibility rule--when a woman is otherwise eligible for full-scope (e.g., meet citizenship and immigration status requirements for full-scope);
- requires DHCS to adopt regulations by July 1, 2015 for the changes to Medi-Cal under federal health care reform. In the interim, the changes will be implemented under All County Letters and similar "underground" regulations; and
- addresses the reimbursement methodology for the counties' admin costs in making Medi-Cal eligibility determinations.

AB 50 is on the Governor's desk for his signature. **We hope you can join us in asking the Governor to sign AB 50, using the points above.**

SB 353 (Lieu): Deceptive Marketing: Requires a health plan or insurer that markets in a language other than English to provide a specified list of materials in that language.

AB 1308 (Bonilla): Removes the physician supervision requirement, which will allow Licensed Midwives (LMs) to become Medi-Cal providers. The bill includes a definition of normal birth and the requirement that LMs attend only those births which fall within the normal birth definition. Allows for concurrent care for pregnant women who don't meet the criteria for normal pregnancy and birth.

AB 912 (Quirk-Silva): requires insurance coverage for fertility preservation services where treatment for conditions such as cancer, can cause sterility. When there is time before beginning treatment, someone can preserve their fertility through egg, embryo or sperm freezing.

SB 138 (Hernandez): seeks to protect the personal and sensitive health information of individuals covered under another person's health insurance policy like a partner, spouse or parent. More than 430,000 young adults in California have health coverage under their parent's insurance plans thanks to a key provision in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

AB 154 (Atkins): Assembly Bill 154 will address the current shortage of health care professionals able to provide early abortion care in California. It will authorize trained Nurse Practitioners (NPs), Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs) and Physician Assistants (PAs) to provide comprehensive first trimester abortion care, which is within the scope of their licenses.

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See rest [HERE](#).

2012 Data for State and County-Level Breastfeeding

The California WIC Association and the UC Davis Human Lactation Center have released excellent fact sheets and information: see, "Policies, Promises and Practice Supporting Breastfeeding Across the Continuum of Care" and County Fact Sheets updated August, 2013 with 2012 data [HERE](#). In addition, LA County's Department of Public Health's August, 2013 LA Health Brief focuses on hospital practices and the impact on breastfeeding, with information from the [2011 LA Health Survey](#).

Freeway Corridors to be Monitored for Air Quality

Air quality regulators will begin monitoring pollution levels near major Southern California traffic corridors next year, for the first time providing data important to nearly 1 million Southern Californians who are at greater risk of respiratory illness because they live within 300 feet of a freeway. The new activities are as a result of a lawsuit by Physicians for Social Responsibility and others, who found that of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 35 air quality monitoring stations measuring pollutants across a four-county basin of 17 million people, none sits close to a major roadway. Under new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements, air pollution monitors will be installed at four sites next to some of the region's busiest freeways. Similar steps will occur in more than 100 big cities across the country.

Full story [HERE](#).

Update: Children with Deferred Action status and Los Angeles County's Ability To Pay (ATP) program

Successful applicants for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals in Los Angeles receive a work permit in with the DACA paperwork. LA County considers a work permit evidence of a temporary status and thus makes the recipient a non-resident, ineligible for county health programs. Through a case situation where a DACA recipient had applied for ATP, MCHA advocated for a child and won her ability to receive ATP for her ongoing treatments. In July, MCHA told you how to contact the county to implement this for your clients. However, the County has pulled back this decision and has decided not to provide ATP for the time being. Thus, please contact Liz Ramirez or Debra Winski at MCHA at (213) 749-4261 if you have clients in this situation. Thank you.

AIM babies - Healthy Families to Medi-Cal

In June, MCHA announced that in the Healthy Families to Medi-Cal transition, babies born to moms on AIM, who enroll in Healthy Families, had not yet been transitioned. The state is transitioning them in the last phases of the process, which address counties where there is no existing Medi-Cal managed care and thus no overlap between Healthy Families and Medi-Cal plans. AIM babies (who had gone into Healthy Families) under 150% of poverty and thus had no Healthy Families premium were transitioned into Medi-Cal, where they will also have no premium, on August 1. We are told the AIM babies over 150% of poverty who will have Medi-Cal premiums will be transitioned in the state's final phase for the Healthy Families to Medi-Cal transition, Phase 4B, on November 1. Thus, you may see infants and children up to 2 years old who are new to Medi-Cal. Please let us know if you have any issues or concerns from case situations.

New Statewide Strategic Plan to reduce unintentional injuries

Dec 9 and 10, 2013: The 2013 Unintentional Injury Prevention Conference at the Hilton Arden West Hotel in Sacramento kicks off a major collaborative project to create a new statewide Strategic Plan to reduce unintentional injury deaths and disabilities. Please forward this conference information flyer and email to your regional, local and statewide networks.

Conference registration, exhibit, sponsor, and hotel reservation information can be found at cccsh.ca. According to the Center for Disease Control unintentional Injury continues to be the number one cause of death for children and youth between the ages of one and 19. California and a number of injury and health policy groups have done and will continue to do a lot to address unintentional injuries. The new comprehensive Strategic Plan will help organizations, community groups, public health and health advocates collaborate on specific priorities over the next several years.

The unintentional injury prevention conference and Strategic Planning project are hosted by the California Coalition for Children's Safety and Health (www.cccsh.ca) and Advocates for Health, Economics and Development: For urban and rural underserved communities (AHEAD -aheadcalifornia.org), in cooperation with Safe Kids California and CA Department of Public Health's SAC Branch.

Email questions about the conference, CCCSH, AHEAD or the unintentional injury prevention strategic plan project to: sbarrow88@gmail.com - Steve Barrow, Co-Chair 2013 Unintentional Injury Prevention Conference and CCCSH Board Member

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"Working together to move health and economic development forward in rural and urban underserved communities"

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 1, 8 AM - 4 PM Health Reform is Here!

14th Annual UCLA Health Disparities Symposium. Free. The Affordable Care Act and Covered California; Enrollment and Who Will Be Left Out; Challenges of Implementation; Implications for Vulnerable Groups; Prevention and Wellness in a New Era. At The Center at Cathedral Plaza. For more information contact Gabrielle Ettlinger: 310-794-7614 or gettlinger@ucla.edu. Register [HERE!](#)

Two Mini-conferences: Friday, October 25, 2013, Full-day or Half-day Conference HOW DOES IT FEEL?

Ever wonder what it feels like for our little ones and what they live with?

This experiential seminar will heighten your sensitivity, awareness and knowledge of a sensory processing disorder. You will gain insights into how your own sensory systems work and be better able to facilitate function and competence for our vulnerable toddlers and preschoolers.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY? Ever wonder what our little ones want you to know or are trying to say? This seminar will guide you to better understand what toddlers and preschoolers want to tell you. The course will heighten your awareness and knowledge so that you can better read the cues of a young child in the delicate art of communication.

Time: 8:00 am and 12:30 pm REGISTRATION; 8:30 AM and 1:00 pm PRESENTATION

Registration Fees: Full day Conference: \$160 Non-members - \$130 IDA Members Half Day Conference: \$ 85 Non-members -\$65 Infant Development Association Members - (Lunch Optional - additional \$9.00)

Register by October 5 for Early Bird Discount of \$5 for half day or \$10 for full day seminar. **Braille Institute, 741 Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90066.** Free parking and refreshments provided. Click [HERE](#) to register & for information

November 18 and 19 2013 Health, Healthcare and Economic Development Conference - Disney Grand Californian Spa & Resort in Anaheim

Purpose: The conference is focused on health reform, health access and economic development in California's vast rural and urban underserved communities.

Who Should Attend: The conference provides a chance for you to get updated on, network around, discuss and plan for challenges and solutions to the latest issues involving health reform. This is especially timely for:

Health Providers, Economic Development Leaders, Business leaders, Community Development Leaders, Policymakers, & Healthcare Administrators

What We're Talking About: At the conference you will engage in issues, challenges and solutions involving: Affordable Care Act, Workforce Shortages, Medi-Cal Expansion, Health Impact on Local Economies, Covered California, Facilities & Communications Innovations, Care Innovations, & Neighborhood Solutions to Healthcare Access

Click [HERE](#) for General Conference Information:

Click [HERE](#) to Register:

Click [HERE](#) to Exhibit and/or Sponsor:

Hotel reservations - Disney Grand Californian Spa and Resort room block (click [HERE](#)) Note - Special conference hotel rates are only available to those registered and attending this conference, with reduced rates also provided for up to three nights prior to conference (**November 15-17**) and two nights at end of conference (**November 19 and 20**), but only for those who register and attend the conference.

Click [HERE](#) for Workshop Proposal Application form

Questions: Contact Kim Tucker, AHEAD Board Chair and Co-Chair of Conference at kim@3foldcomm.com or Steve Barrow, AHEAD President/CEO at sbarrow88@gmail.com

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