



Health Care Alternatives for Kids

LA Care has announced the end of Healthy Kids coverage for enrolled children 6-18 at the end of February 2013.

- **Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan is open for new enrollment:** This program provides comprehensive health and dental services to children from birth thru age 18 who are not eligible for other public/private, such as Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. You can request an enrollment kit at: http://info.kaiserpermanente.org/html/child_health_plan/index.html or call Kaiser Member services toll free at 1-800-4000.
- **Is the child under five years of age?** Enrollment is still open in the Healthy Kids program for children who are 5 1/2 and younger and meet existing Healthy Kids eligibility requirements. Call LA Care at 1-888-452-2273 for more info.
- **California Kids is open for new enrollment:** Cal Kids provides preventive and primary health care benefits to children ages 2 – 18; inpatient/ hospitalization services are not covered. There is no income limit and immigration status does not matter. Monthly premiums are \$75 per child and co-payments range from \$5 to \$110, depending on the service. You can call for an application at (818) 755-9700 or download an application at: <http://www.californiakids.org/>
- **Is the child over five years of age?** Refer to a Community Partner clinic (Healthy Way LA “unmatched”), that provides preventive and primary care, or to an L. A. County Department of Health Services (LAC-DHS) clinic for primary, preventive, specialty, and urgent health care (Outpatient Reduced Simplified Application “ORSA”). If the family income is under 133% of poverty and the child does not qualify for full scope Medi-Cal due to immigration status, the child may be eligible for free coverage under HWLA “unmatched” or ORSA. If the child is over-income for HWLA s/he may use the County Pre-Pay Program, as long as s/he doesn’t have an open Medi-Cal Share of Cost case. Applicants must live in L.A. County. For information call (877) 333-4952 or to locate a HWLA provider <http://www.ladhs.org/wps/portal/HWLA>, **click on Provider Directory.**
- **Is the child within the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) schedule of visits or is a problem suspected or a visit needed outside the schedule for sports physical or foster care exam?** If so, the child can get up to two months full Medi-Cal if s/he does not already have Restricted (sometimes called “Emergency”) Medi-Cal. During that time, it is possible to receive care for even longer by applying for ongoing coverage. Call MCH Access or attend one of our trainings if you need assistance helping families in this way. To find a CHDP provider you can call toll-free (800) 993-CHDP or online http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/provider_finder.htm

CHDP Periodicity (schedule of visits):

Less than 1 month of age	9 months of age	2 years of age	9-12 years of age
2 months of age	12 months of age	3 years of age	13-16 years of age
4 months of age	15 months of age	4-5 years of age	17-20 years of age
6 months of age	18 months of age	6-8 years of age	

- **If the child is undocumented, is it possible the child is Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL, a Medi-Cal category) and thus eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal?**

The most likely reason is that his/her immigration status is being adjusted, the family has applied for Legal Permanent Residency (LPR or “green card”) or in some other way is adjusting status.

- **Does the child have an urgent need that may be considered an emergency?** That is:
“A medical condition (including emergency labor and delivery) manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in:
(a) placing the patient’s health in serious jeopardy;
(b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or
(c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.”

If so, s/he may be able to use Restricted or Emergency Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status. The treatment does NOT have to be in an emergency room! Having Restricted Medi-Cal will eliminate the ability to get temporary full-scope Medi-Cal from the CHDP Gateway, but will not eliminate the ability to get a CHDP exam and immunizations.

- **Is the child or teen in need of confidential services for family planning, pregnancy, rape treatment, exam or treatment for a possible Sexually Transmitted Infection, outpatient mental health care, or alcohol or drug abuse services?** S/he may be eligible for Minor Consent Medi-Cal if living in the parents’ home or temporarily away at school. The parents’ income will not count.
- **Is the child or teen in need of confidential health education, reproductive health services such as family planning, emergency contraception, or a gynecological exam, HIV and other STI screening, available from the Family PACT program?** Call (800) 942-1054 to locate a provider in your area or see <http://www.familypact.org/>
- **Does the child have a serious or chronic medical condition?** Immigrants ineligible for regular Medi-Cal and Healthy Families are still eligible for health care for serious and/or chronic medical conditions from California Children’s Services (CCS), services from Regional Centers, mental health care, etc., in addition to Medi-Cal emergency services, Minor Consent Medi-Cal, and FamPACT. See the Health Consumer Center’s brochure at <http://www.healthconsumer.org/publications.htm>. To make a referral to CCS, or for more information on the program, call (800) 288-4584.

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