



California Kids (CalKids)

California Kids is a private, non-profit program that provides low cost preventive and primary health care benefits to children ages 2-18.

Who is eligible?

- Any child age 2 thru age 18. Children must not be married, must reside full time with applying parent/guardian, and if school age, must be enrolled and attending school.
- Children may be enrolled in California Children's Services for specialty care and be eligible for California Kids for basic outpatient services.

What is the income limit?

- There is no income limit.

What does it cost?

- The monthly premium is \$49.00 per child plus a one time processing fee of \$10.00.
- All children have co-payments of \$10.00-\$100.00 depending on the service provided by California Kids. All services have a co-payment, including preventive care.
- Dental co-payments range between \$3.00 and \$110.00.

What is the resource limit? (What if the family has a car/house?)

- Resources, things that the family owns, like cars, houses, and jewelry, or savings accounts, do not count in this program.

Does immigration status matter?

- The application asks for the child's Social Security Number (SSN). However, children without a SSN are still eligible.

What papers are needed to apply?

- Only a completed application.

Where can families apply?

- Call 1-818-755-9700 to have an application mailed.
- Families may also apply through community associations and assistors.

How long does it take to get?

- Typically it takes two to four weeks after California Kids receives the application. However, sometimes CalKids stops taking applications. Always call first to see whether CalKids is currently accepting applications.

What benefits do children get?

- Comprehensive preventive and primary care coverage: medical office visits, dental care, prescription drugs, mental health services, X-ray and laboratory tests, out-patient hospital services, ambulance services, emergency room services with a limit of \$1000.00 per year.
- Hospitalizations and major surgery are not covered.

How and where do children get services or more information on the program?

- Medical care is through Anthem Blue Cross
- Dental care is through SafeGuard.
- Behavioral health is through the Holman Group.
- Call 1-818-755-9700 and ask for a list of providers in the family's area.

What if the family has other health insurance?

- Children may have other health coverage and apply for California Kids.

What should be done if a child has a problem getting services?

- Call California Kids at 1-818-755-9700 or call the **Health Consumer Center at 1-800-896-3203** or **Maternal and Child Health Access at 1-213-749-4261**.