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## CHDP GATEWAY

The **Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway** is an online application process for Medi-Cal that takes place during a regularly scheduled CHDP visit (see CHDP Fact Sheet for information on the CHDP program). CHDP providers are able to pre-enroll children into Medi-Cal at the time of a CHDP health assessment and the children receive immediate, temporary, full-scope, no-cost Medi-Cal benefits for the month of the visit and the month after. This process is known as “going through the CHDP Gateway”. Eligibility for this process is based on the child’s family size and income, as it is for the CHDP program. Children have the option to apply to continue their health care coverage beyond the pre-enrollment period by filling out a regular Medi-Cal application.

### Who is eligible?

- Low-income children from birth through age 18
- Children with family incomes under 266% FPL

### Does immigration status matter?

- Children who are undocumented are eligible for CHDP services. All income eligible children residing in California are eligible for Full Scope Medi-Cal regardless of immigration status.

### What is the income limit?

- CHDP uses the “Federal Poverty Level” (FPL) and looks to see if the family’s income is within the program’s eligibility limit.
- Children are eligible if their family’s income is below 266% FPL.

(Use until 12-31-23)

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR FAMILY?	CHDP GROSS MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS FOR CHILDREN AGES BIRTH THRU AGE 18 (UNDER 266% FPL)
1	At or below \$ 3,232
2	At or below \$ 4,374
3	At or below \$ 5,512
4	At or below \$ 6,650
5	At or below \$ 7,792
6	At or below \$ 8,930

### What about resource limits?

- There are no resource limits for this program.

### How does the Gateway Work?

- When a child goes to a clinic for a CHDP visit, within the time periods of the CHDP “periodicity” schedule (see below), the parent or guardian will fill out a pre-enrollment application. The parent or guardian will indicate whether they wish to receive a Medi-Cal application. The provider enters the applicant’s information using the Internet or a Point of Service device. The provider will then receive a document stating whether the applicant is known to the Medi-Cal system and what the child’s eligibility status is. A

document with a BIC number will be issued to the child and, if otherwise eligible, the child will receive temporary coverage for the month of application and the following month.

- During this time, if the parent or guardian has requested it, the applicant will receive in the mail the Streamlined Application for Medi-Cal and Covered California, which must be filled out and sent in to Covered California. Coverage will continue (known as “Accelerated Eligibility”) until the child is found eligible for Medi-Cal or is denied eligibility. If an application is not returned, coverage ends the last day of the month after the month of application. The parent does not have to wait for the application to come in the mail, of course, they may apply through CoveredCA.com, through their local county Medi-Cal application portal or with an application assistor at their clinic or community based organization.
- A family MUST fill out a DHS 4073 form and apply for temporary coverage “through the Gateway” in order to get a CHDP exam. However, a family does NOT have to fill out an application form and apply for continuing coverage through Medi-Cal if they choose not to.
- NOTE: Children are only eligible to apply for Medi-Cal through the CHDP Gateway during a regular CHDP exam, which must be within CHDP periodicity (see below), or the visit must be determined to be a Medically Necessary Inter-periodic Health Assessment (MNIHA). This assessment is one that is performed outside of the usual Periodicity Schedule, such as when there is a need for a school, sports or camp physical prior to the next regularly scheduled exam or a need for a physical for a foster child being place in care.

**CHDP Periodicity:**

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	

**NOTE:** “Deemed Eligible” infants (infants whose mother’s were on Medi-Cal at the time of birth) who go through the Gateway will automatically receive their Medi-Cal until their first birthday without having to submit an application or contact the county.

**What papers are needed to apply?**

- Self-stated monthly income is used to determine eligibility – families can self-state their income and family size when they apply at their doctor’s office or clinic.

**How do families apply or get more information on the program?**

- Clients may apply at any participating CHDP approved doctor’s office or clinic.
- CHDP services are provided by: CHDP-approved doctors; County health centers; Health clinics in certain school districts and Medi-Cal managed care doctors (for children in Medi-Cal managed care). The BIC number generated at the provider’s office during a CHDP visit may be used at any provider who accepts fee-for-service “regular” Medi-Cal.
- To find a CHDP-approved doctor in their community, families should call (800) 993-CHDP (free).
- Temporary Medi-Cal obtained during a Gateway visit is Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal. Once parents submit a regular Medi-Cal application, they may need assistance making provider choices for the health plan in which their child(ren) will be enrolled. They may want to ensure continuity of care with the doctor or clinic they are seeing fee-for-service.

**What can be done if a child has problems while accessing the CHDP Gateway?**

- Call the CHDP program at 1-800-993-CHDP or call the Health Consumer Center at 1-800-896-3202.