



## CHDP GATEWAY

The **Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway** is an online application process for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families that takes place during a regularly scheduled CHDP visit (see CHDP Fact Sheet for information on the CHDP program). CHDP providers will be able to pre-enroll children into Medi-Cal at the time of a CHDP health assessment and the children will 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 will have the option to apply to continue their health care coverage beyond the pre-enrollment period by filling out a regular Medi-Cal or Healthy Families application.

### Who is eligible?

- Low-income children from birth through age 18
- Children with Share of Cost Medi-Cal with family incomes under 200% FPL
- Children already enrolled in Healthy Families, Free or Restricted Medi-Cal, or Medi-Cal with a Share of Cost whose family income is over 200% FPL, are **NOT** eligible for temporary Medi-Cal coverage via the Gateway.

### Does immigration status matter?

- Children who are undocumented and currently have restricted-scope Medi-Cal or have just gone through the CHDP Gateway and are still covered under Medi-Cal are not eligible for temporary Medi-Cal coverage under the CHDP Gateway. They may still qualify for a CHDP well-child exam. Undocumented children who qualify (under 200% poverty, not currently enrolled) will receive temporary coverage (full-scope, free Medi-Cal) for up to two months. After that
  - If the family has sent in an application to the state, full-scope, free Medi-Cal continues until such time as the application is process (up to two months), then, if eligible, it should be changed to Restricted (emergency only) Medi-Cal
  - If the family has submitted an application locally and NOT through the state address, they should get Restricted Medi-Cal if the child is otherwise eligible. **TO MAXIMIZE FULL-SCOPE ELIGIBILITY, THE FAMILY SHOULD MAIL IN THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE**

### 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 200% FPL.

(Use until 3-31-10)

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR FAMILY?	CHDP GROSS MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS FOR CHILDREN AGES BIRTH THRU AGE 18 (UNDER 200% FPL)
1	At or below \$ 1,805
2	At or below \$ 2,429
3	At or below \$ 3,052
4	At or below \$ 3,675
5	At or below \$ 4,299
6	At or below \$ 4,922

## What about resource limits?

- ✓ **RESOURCES ARE THINGS THE FAMILY OWNS, LIKE CARS, HOUSES, AND JEWELRY. SAVINGS AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS ARE ALSO “RESOURCES.”**

- There are no resource limits for this program.

## How does the Gateway Work?

- When a child goes to a clinic or doctor’s office 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 an application for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. 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 a joint Medi-Cal Healthy Families application, which must be filled out and sent in to the State Single Point of Entry in Sacramento. Coverage will then continue (known as “Extended Eligibility”) until the child is found eligible for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families 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, if an application is available at the provider’s office or from a community group. Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families applications that are returned to the Medi-Cal mail-in unit or walked into a DPSS office will also have coverage continue via Extended Eligibility.
- A family **MUST** fill out a DHS 4073 form and apply for temporary coverage “through the Gateway” in order to get a CHDP exam. All CHDP providers will have to participate in this system by January 1, 2004. However, a family does **NOT** have to fill out an application form and apply for continuing coverage through Medi-Cal or Healthy Families 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 must be performed outside of the usual and customary Periodicity Schedule, such as when there is a need for a school or camp physical prior to the next regularly scheduled exam or a need for a physical for a foster child being placed, or one that is medically necessary.

## 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:** Starting June 1, 2004, “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 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. After Dec. 31 2003, all CHDP providers must participate in the Gateway program.
- 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 fee-for-service Medi-Cal immediate need card 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).
- Families may also call the closest CHDP office. The toll free number above should have the list.

**Special considerations:**

- To make the most of full-scope Medi-Cal coverage, CHDP visits should be scheduled as early in the month as possible. Any treatment recommended as a result of a CHDP exam should be arranged as soon as possible after the CHDP visit, for those children who might not qualify for full coverage under Medi-Cal or Healthy Families once their temporary coverage expires.
- Temporary Medi-Cal obtained during a Gateway visit is Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal. Once parents submit a regular Medi-Cal or Healthy Families 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.
- Children ineligible for ongoing Medi-Cal or Healthy Families should be assisted by the CHDP provider or referred to community organizations to apply for other health coverage programs, namely, Healthy Kids, Kaiser Cares for Kids or California Kids (see fact sheets).

**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 of Los Angeles at 1-800-896-3203.