



Health Care Program Alternatives

“What can I do for a child or teen that does not qualify for Full Scope Medi-Cal or Healthy Families?”

- Is the child under 5 years of age? Enrollment is still open in the Healthy Kids program for children who are 5 1/2 and younger.
- Does the child’s family have an open, active case with Kaiser Child Health Plan for another sibling? If so, you can add a child that is not currently enrolled.
- Does the child have an urgent need for health care? Refer to LA County Department of Health Services or a Public Private Partnership program, depending on need. For urgent or ongoing care, LAC/DHS and PPPs should have free, a sliding scale or low-cost (for some PPP’s) health care. If the family is under 133% of poverty, the child may be eligible for free coverage under ORSA – (Outpatient Reduced-Cost and Simplified Application) or the PPP’s free services if under 133 1/3% of poverty. You can call (800) 427-8700 to locate a LA County location or a PPP provider.
- 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? See <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/chdp/>. 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. Attend an MCH Access training if you need assistance helping families in this way. To find a CHDP provider you can call toll-free (800) 993-CHDP.

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	

- For citizen/Qualified Immigrant children, has the parent's income been correctly determined? (deductions, countable/noncountable income, sibling income, stepparent issues) You want to be sure they are not actually under 250% of poverty and thus eligible for Healthy Families.
- Is it possible the child is "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 the child's status.
- Does the child have an urgent need that may be considered an emergency? If so, s/he may be able to use Restricted or Emergency Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status. Having Restricted Medi-Cal will eliminate the ability to get 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, although 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? See www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/ofp/Programs/FamPACT/default.htm or call (800) 942-1054 to locate a provider in your area.
- 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.

If you would like more information or an in-service/training please contact Liz Ramirez or Angela Orellana at (213) 749-4261, lizr@mchaccess.org or angelao@mchaccess.org

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